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VIA EMAIL

Angel Anguiano
City of Sacramento Community Development Department
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RE: Clover Apartments (DR21-183)

Dear Mr. Anguiano:

Thank you for routing the Clover Apartments project to WALKSacramento. We are pleased to see the project located so closely to the Meadowview Station Light Rail, supporting residents' access to active transportation and connections to important destinations such as schools, parks, and grocery stores. The following comments will be our recommendations to improve the health-supportive features of the project.

As seen on the applicant's landscape plan, we appreciate the proposed additions of the street trees along Wainscott Way and Ellwood Ave as it will provide shade and a comfortable active transportation experience to the community traveling along that route, as well as for residents who will cross in between buildings to utilize the clubhouse, pool, and amenities. We recommend the applicant to work with City of Sacramento's Urban Forestry to determine if the trees are suitable for the size of the space they will be planted in, if they are ideal for providing adequate shade, as well as recommendations on how to ensure they are maintained well as to not obstruct walkways as well as view for drivers.

On Ellwood Ave, there are proposed driveways in Lot 95 and Lot 96 across from one another which could encourage pedestrian crossing especially since the clubhouse and amenities are located in the area of Lot 96. Considering Ellwood Ave would serve as one of the main routes to get to the light rail station, increased traffic around rush hour times could be a potential risk to those crossing between buildings. To support protection and awareness for pedestrian crossing, we suggest a midblock crosswalk if space allows, or signs encouraging slow driving in that area.

As we promote walking and use of active transportation, we also want to ensure it is being done with safety as the top priority. We recommend sufficient lighting along the sidewalks of Wainscott Way and Elwood Ave, in addition to the pathways between the parking lots and buildings, and the pedestrian easement closest to Building 8. Lighting will help with visibility which can improve personal awareness, increase visibility to help deter crime, as well as increase visibility between pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists on bordering streets.

Lastly, we see the proposed bike café/storage room which would be a supportive feature to resident bicyclists. Bike parking within the lots are not clearly defined in the plans, so our team

recommends for the applicant to clarify where short- and long-term bike parking will be, so a thorough review may be done and comments may be provided to support the planning of these features. We are also specifically interested in bike parking within Lot 96 which would support residents use of active transportation between buildings to use their amenities.

WALKSacramento is working to support increased physical activity such as walking and bicycling in local neighborhoods as well as helping to create community environments that support walking and bicycling. The benefits include improved public health and physical fitness, better air quality, a stronger sense of cohesion and safety in neighborhoods, and more sustainable communities and local economies.

Please notify WALKSacramento of future routings or notices for this project.

Sincerely,
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Project Manager