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VIA EMAIL

Robby Thacker  
City of Sacramento Community Development Department  
300 Richards Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95811

**RE: Grower's District (P21-024)**

Dear Mr. Thacker:

Thank you for routing the Grower's District project to WALKSacramento. We have several recommendations for revisions to the project to support greater physical activity and improved public health.

Each of the plans for sites 200, 211, and 215 indicate there is bike parking in a room adjacent to a residential lobby, but there are no details for number and location of long-term and short-term bike parking. In addition, there's no bike room shown on the floor plan for Building 1 on Site 200. We request that short-term and long-term bike parking be indicated on the site plans or floor plans for each building. This is needed to evaluate the access and provisioning of bike parking.

The three project sites are close to several bus stops and the future Dos Rios light rail station, so pedestrian and bicycle circulation on site should be enhanced to support convenient access to transit. The bike room in Building 2 on Site 200 is near the middle of the block, but the only access from North C Street is via the sidewalk from each corner. We recommend reallocating the two angled parking spaces, or one if the spaces are perpendicular, immediately adjacent to the lobby entrance on North C Street and constructing a bike ramp at the curb to provide convenient bike access.

The bike room in the building on the 215 site is at the 16<sup>th</sup> Street frontage at the North C Street T-intersection. North C Street is two way, so bicycle access to the bike room will be convenient for travel to or from the west, e.g. the 12<sup>th</sup> Street bike way, but access from the east, e.g. the Sacramento Northern Bikeway, will require riding on the 16<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk southbound from North C Street or the 16<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk northbound from Thorton Avenue. We recommend relocating the bike room from the southwest corner of the building on 16<sup>th</sup> Street to the northwest or northeast corner of the building along North C Street.

The future commercial uses in the buildings along North C Street at Site 200 will be attractive destinations for residents in Building 2. There are four sets of stairs along the loading dock on the south side of Building 1, but there are no drive aisle crossings at any of the stairs indicated on the site plan. We recommend adding marked crosswalks between Building 1 and Building 2 on Site 200.

The main lobby in Building 2 has an elevator providing access to residential floors two through eight, but there's no direct access to the stairs. People can attain additional daily physical activity by using the stairs instead of the elevator, and providing equal or better access to the stairs than to the elevator can motivate more people to use the stairs. We recommend moving the stairwell

at the garage ingress driveway to the lobby. We also note the stairwell locations on the July 29, 2021 Site 200 site plan do not match those on the 07.16.21 Site 200 floor plans.

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,

Chris Holm  
Project Manager