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VIA EMAIL

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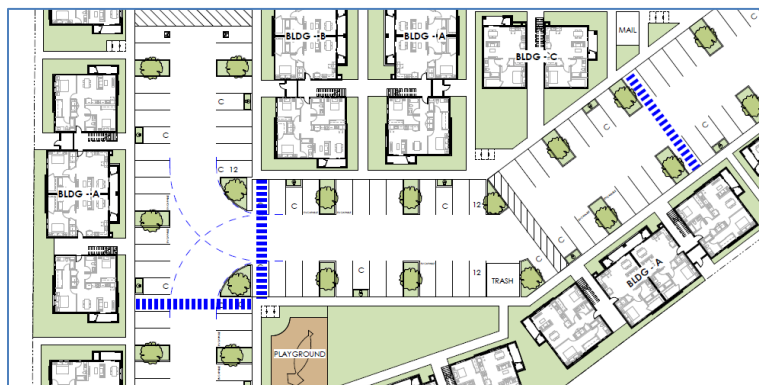
RE: Rancho Cordova Apartments (PLND-0821-0002)

Dear Ms. Cowles:

Development projects that lead to more walking and active travel are critical to our community's future. Human beings need moderate exercise, such as walking, for about 30 minutes a day in order to prevent the development of chronic disease and overweight. If more people could obtain regular exercise by walking and bicycling to their regular destinations it could yield significant health improvements to the residents. Reduced driving would also decrease vehicle emissions and the prevalence of asthma, cardiovascular disease, and other air pollution-related conditions. More trips by walking and bicycling could help reduce the current expensive burden on the health care system of providing medical care to more and more people with chronic conditions due to inactivity and poor air quality.

WALKSacramento makes the following recommendations to support and encourage more walking and biking by the future residents of Rancho Cordova Apartments.

Improve pedestrian access to the playground and the mail boxes. There are no convenient crosswalks to the playground and the crosswalks that might be used to access the mail boxes and the clubhouse/pool are inconvenient from many of the buildings. The dashed blue lines in the figure below indicate potential locations for additional or alternative crosswalks.



Increase the number of long-term bike parking spaces. The required minimum number of spaces, i.e. 1 long-term bike parking space per 20 parking spaces, are proposed, but that means there will be bike parking for only 10 of the 120 apartments. Providing long-term bike parking spaces in every building would make it much easier for residents to have a bike and conveniently and securely park it. The plans show long-term bike parking is provided only in the four type B buildings on the west side of the site, so many residents would have a relatively long walk to get to their bikes.

Provide access to the long-term bike parking in the Building B floor plan from the parking lot side, rather than the back of the building. The access to the bike storage rooms in the two B type buildings along the west edge of the site and the one next to the playground is at the back of the buildings. Access to the bike rooms should be from the same side of the buildings as the entry doors for the units.

Provide short-term bike parking at additional locations. Short-term bike parking is fairly well dispersed, but the two Building D buildings at the east and southeast don't have any nearby parking.

WALKS Sacramento 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.

Sincerely,

Chris Holm
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