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VIA EMAIL

Robby Thacker
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RE: 1116 18th Street Apartments Revision (DR21-193)

Dear Robby Thacker:

Thank you for routing the 1116 18th Street Apartments Revision project to WALKSacramento. The project design includes health- and active transportation-supportive features such as "eyes on the street" facilitated by residential windows on levels 2-7 and balconies on levels 3-7 overlooking 18th Street and Kayak Alley, plentiful short-term bike parking on 18th Street, long-term bike parking for the residential and commercial uses in the building, storefront windows and doors on 18th Street and storefront windows on Kayak Alley, a stairwell in the lobby having prominence and access equal to that of the elevator, and a second stairwell that provides residents with access to the retail space in addition to Kayak Alley. We would like to recommend two improvements to the building design to increase opportunities and motivation for future residents' daily physical activity.

Access to bike storage room Access to the bike storage room is from 18th Street, and it will require maneuvering one's bike through three doors and making two turns, one being 180 degrees around a corner and through the bike room door. We recommend revising the level 1 floor plan to provide direct access to the bike storage room from Kayak Alley. If alley access isn't feasible, moving the bike storage room door so it's opposite the alcove's internal door would improve the transition between the two.

Daylighting west stairwell Use of stairwells and subsequent individual physical activity can be increased and made more attractive to residents by including windows that provide views of the outdoors and natural lighting of the stairs and the stairwell, but the project's west stairwell has a windowless external wall. The west wall of the building will have windows and balconies, so adding windows to the stairwell shouldn't decrease the privacy of the adjacent land uses to the west. We recommend adding windows to the west stairwell.

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.

Sincerely,

Chris Holm
Project Manager