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Sent: Sunday, July 21, 2002 8:13 PM
To: Kelly, Sherry
Subject: neighborhoods

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To: Bright, Tamlyn; Maio, Linda; Breland, Margaret; Shirek, Maudelle; Spring, Dona; Hawley, Miriam; Olds, Betty; Worthington, Kriss; Armstrong, Polly; Kelly, Sherry
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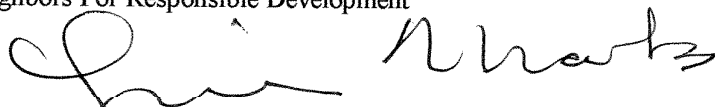
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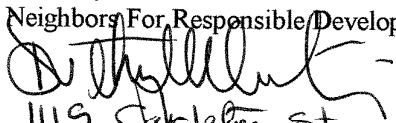
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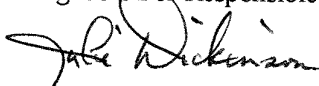
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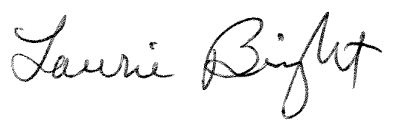
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Consider for a moment that since the last time this same project was before the council on an appeal from the applicant, there are now proposals before the City from the same Developer that if approved would add to the thirty nine residential units and approximately three thousand square feet of commercial space in this project, one hundred twenty four more residential units, about thirty thousand feet of commercial space, a dedicated mini park, a Church Sanctuary, the demolition of two historic residences and a rezoning of nearly an entire half block of Tenth Street at Parker. This expanded project is all located less than a block north of the 2700 San Pablo site and less than a block south of 2577 San Pablo. By a rough calculation this developer now wants to demolish then redevelop over the next three to five years approximately the equivalent of an entire city block on a major commercial street in Berkeley with no EIR. The city has never allowed this type of large-scale development to occur without the benefit of an extensive EIR process in which the citizens could participate fully.

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The CEQA law was enacted precisely to prevent the piecemeal approval of projects like these. It is clear in the case law and it would be clear to any Judge reviewing this record that the City as the lead agency in the CEQA process has a duty to require that a full EIR with proper findings and adequate mitigations be prepared for 2700 San Pablo, as well as the expanded project at Parker and San Pablo. We hope that the Council will see the wisdom in taking this common sense approach.

Sincerely
Neighbors For Responsible Development



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Mayor and City Councilmembers-

Subject: Appeals of ZAB decisions approving developments at 2119 University Avenue, 2471 Shattuck Avenue and 2700 San Pablo Avenue

We respectfully request that you allow for hearings of all three subject appeals. These projects are all too dense, overbuilt and out of scale with their neighboring communities. Parking is inadequate. Each site has detrimental impacts that have not been mitigated by the applicant. Additionally, the General Plan and Land Use Element are not consistent as required by State law. CEQA reviews have not been performed as required by State law.

We request that the City work with the applicants and neighboring community to develop projects which would benefit the community and comply with State, Federal and local laws.

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