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City Planning Department Request for Square Footage and Number of Structures

Bancroft Garden—1308 Bancroft Way—Coordinator Steve Moros <u>—smoros.cgartist@gmail.com</u>

*Square Feet---1.5 acres=43,560 sq. feet

Structures 550 sq. ft.

Karl Linn Garden—Peralta at Hopkins St.—Coordinators--Mary R. <u>—maryrossllynch@gmail.com--</u> Karen Fracetto-- <u>kltkf@gmail.com</u>

*Square Feet---6,700 sq. feet

Structures---94 sq. ft.

Northside – 1349 Northside Ave. Coordinator – Micelle Squitieri – msquitieri55@gmail.com

*Square Feet

Structures

Ohlone – Hearst at McGee St. Coordinator – Durwood Wiggins – durwoodwiggins@gmail.com

*Square Feet 4,435 sq. ft.

Structures---77.5 sq. ft.

Peralta – 1400 Peralta Ave. Coordinator – Rita Pettit – ritapettit96@yahoo.com

*Square Feet---27,917

Structures---309 sq. ft.

^{*}Source Alameda County Assessor's Office

Good evening Planning Commissioners,

I understand that Planning staff and Planning Commissioners have an immense workload and a lengthy work plan. Under the existing work plan, it may take months or even years to completely evaluate and implement the many Student Housing proposals.

As the individual who introduced the original proposal, I am willing to accept the following compromise; one that has been supported by several other students:

We propose a controlled pilot plan--taking place over a set time period of 3 years with a limited and clearly outlined number of projects.

During this time period, notwithstanding what is outlined in the current Zoning Ordinance, there would be a limited number of exceptions allowed beyond existing zoning standards within the C-T, R-SMU, and R-S and R-3 area located between Bancroft to Dwight and between College and Fulton. I am proposing the following:

Allow 4 projects that convert commercial space to residential space.

Allow 4 new projects to allow ground floors on any street to be converted into residential use expect on Telegraph Avenue.

Allow up to 2 tall buildings up to 12 stories

Allow 6 projects to include a 20-foot height increase in order to increase the availability of student housing

In light of the current Student Housing crisis and the anticipated delays with permanent solutions, we are suggesting that rather than waiting for changing permanent policy, we adopt a temporary pilot project that will occur concurrently with discussion on long-term changes to the Zoning Ordinance. Because this language would only allow a small number of exceptions in the campus area, instead of permanently changing laws, I am hopeful that it might be adopted more speedily.

Thank you for considering this compromise,

Amir Wright

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You are invited to an EBMUD Briefing
Thursday, April 5, 2018 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
The David Brower Center
2150 Allston Way, Berkeley, in the Tamalpais Room

Greetings,

Community leaders and elected officials from the cities of Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, El Cerrito, Kensington and Oakland are invited to attend an update on our vital water & wastewater system, water supply infrastructure projects, and environmental and financial stewardship.

Informal networking and a light lunch will begin at 11:30 AM with presentations and discussion to follow at 12:00 PM.



Agenda

11:30 AM	Networking/Lunch	
12:00 PM	Welcome	Director Andy Katz Self-introductions and other remarks
12:15 PM	Update	EBMUD water supply Water & wastewater infrastructure Budget and rates overview Customer programs
1:00 PM	Conclusion	Q&A and discussion Closing and thanks



Please RSVP by Thursday, March 29 Lori Taylor, Community Affairs

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March 19, 2018

TO: City of Berkeley Planning Commission, via email to: aamoroso@cityofberkeley.info RE: Council Referral Regarding Community Gardens

Dear Berkeley Planning Commission Members,

On behalf of the Sustainable Economies Law Center (SELC), I am writing to urge you to pass a zoning ordinance legalizing community gardens in non-residential zones in Berkeley. I wrote to the Planning Commission in September 2016 in support of adoption of a comprehensive community gardens and urban agriculture ordinance. I hope that adoption of an urban agriculture ordinance will not be further delayed. The proposal from Mayor Arreguin's office should not be considered controversial since many other Bay Area cities have already adopted similar ordinances, and the concept of growing fresh produce locally is very popular in Berkeley. Numerous community gardens already exist in Berkeley despite legal clearance in the zoning code. A revised zoning code will help protect existing community gardens that offer a source of fresh food and education about sustainable agriculture to Berkeley residents, among other benefits.

We urge you to create an ordinance that clearly allows community gardens and urban farms to regularly sell fresh produce and to sell "value added" food products made from produce grown in the garden, such as jams, dried herb blends, and other such foods. This should be allowed "by right" in all zones to avoid unnecessary bureaucratic burdens and costs for community gardens, which are often volunteer-driven. Sales of produce and value added food products can be a terrific opportunity for fundraising, engaging the broader community, and increasing access to fresh, local food. Sales of produce or value added goods should not create a substantial negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood in terms of noise or traffic because community gardens in urban areas such as Berkeley are by nature very limited in size due to small lot sizes and high land value, and therefore the volumes of sales even during peak harvest season tend to be very low. Additionally, we urge you to allow reasonable accessory structures at community gardens, such as tool sheds and greenhouses.

Our organization is committed to providing legal advice and resources to community gardens in Berkeley through our Resilient Communities Legal Cafe and through our free online legal resources on topics such as food safety, zoning, nonprofit status, and more. We hope you will advance zoning ordinance amendments to support community gardens.

Sincerely,

Christina Oatfield, Policy Director

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