

Rierner, Allison

From: Ian Taylor <ianjtaylor23@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2023 2:15 PM
To: Rierner, Allison
Subject: Housing is a Human Right! Support for 2127-2159 Dwight Way Development

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Dear Ms. Rierner,

As a Berkeley resident, I see daily the perils caused by homelessness and housing insecurity. Therefore, I am writing to express my support for the proposed residential development at 2127-2159 Dwight Way in Berkeley, CA. The project will provide 58 new residential units and will bring more residents to support the Downtown's businesses and alleviate the housing crisis felt most acutely by the City's students and other low-income residents. The design aligns with and compliments important land-use goals set by the City of Berkeley, which seek to increase the supply of dense and walkable housing in the Downtown and Southside Area neighborhoods.

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Best,
Ian Taylor - a neighbor, collectivist, and believer of housing as a human right



Friday, November 17th, 2023

To: City of Berkeley, Planning and Development
Attn: Allison Riemer
Re: 2127-2159 Dwight Way

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of TRiO Plus, a nonprofit organization that tackles housing & affordability for Oakland educators. I want to express my wholehearted support for Riaz Capital and their invaluable contributions to the community of Oakland and the greater Bay Area. As a prominent organization dedicated to providing housing and uplifting communities, Riaz Capital has proven to be an essential partner in housing and improving the quality of life for over 40 Oakland teachers.

Housing Oakland Teachers

TRiO Plus recognizes the critical importance of affordable and accessible housing in promoting economic stability and social well-being. Riaz Capital's commitment to developing high-quality housing solutions aligns perfectly with our mission to empower all educators, particularly those furthest from opportunity. The efforts put forth by Riaz Capital resonate deeply with our values, and we are proud to partner with an organization that prioritizes community welfare. Through our partnership, Riaz Capital has housed over 50 Oakland Unified School District educators who otherwise would not be able to live in Oakland. This initiative has proven to be a driving force in retaining and attracting talented educators to the Oakland school system. As dedicated professionals are provided with affordable housing options, the education system benefits from a more stable and committed teaching staff. And when our schools thrive, our communities thrive.

Our Deep Support of Riaz Capital in Berkeley

We support the development of Riaz Capital's 2127-2159 Dwight Project which will house up to 306 residents. The revitalization of neighborhoods not only provides residents with homes but also injects new life and energy into the surrounding areas. TRiO Plus applauds Riaz Capital's unwavering dedication to enhancing affordable housing options, fostering community growth, and contributing to the betterment of Oakland, Berkeley, and the greater Bay Area. Their commitment to improving the lives of educators directly contributes to the betterment of the community as a whole

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or if there are additional ways in which we can support.

In Community,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyra Mungia".

Kyra Mungia
Co-Founder & CEO
TRiO Plus



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November 13, 2023

To: City of Berkeley, Planning and Development
Attn: Allison Riemer
Re: 2127-2159 Dwight Way

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Urban Ed Academy, an organization dedicated to advancing educational opportunities and promoting equity in our communities. We are proud to express our strong and unwavering support for the invaluable work that Riaz Capital is doing to create positive change in our communities. Riaz Capital has established itself as a crucial collaborator in enhancing the living standards and housing conditions for 10 Black educators in Oakland.

Housing Black Teachers

Our partnership with Riaz Capital addresses two critical issues simultaneously: the pressing need for affordable housing and the essential task of diversifying our teaching workforce. By offering stable housing to Black male teachers, Riaz Capital is not only supporting educators but also enriching our educational institutions and supporting neighborhood families. By offering stable and affordable housing to the teacher fellows under Urban Ed Academy's Man the Bay program, Riaz Capital empowers educators with the local presence to enhance the educational experience for countless students. This commitment to both housing and education deeply resonates with our organization's core values and practices.

Our Continuous Support

We support the development of Riaz Capital's 2127-2159 Dwight Way Project and the opportunity to house up to 306 residents. This project exemplifies their dedication to creating sustainable and vibrant communities for all members of the community. This kind of holistic approach has a ripple effect, positively influencing the overall community at large. Urban Ed Academy stands firmly with Riaz Capital in its pursuit of creating stronger and more equitable communities. We are excited to continue our partnership together in the coming years.

In community,
Randy Seriguchi, Jr.
Executive Director, Urban Ed Academy

Riemer, Allison

From: Max Davis <info@collectivevote.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 3:30 PM
To: Riemer, Allison
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Regards,
Max Davis

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From: Amanda Le <info@collectivevote.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 10:50 AM
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Regards,
Amanda Le

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From: Raul Maldonado <info@collectivevote.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 12:37 PM
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Regards,
Raul Maldonado

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From: Michael Sacks <info@collectivevote.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 10:10 AM
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Regards,
Michael Sacks

michaelsacks@gmail.com
1808 Vallejo St, Apt 1
San Francisco, CA 94123

Riemer, Allison

From: Sarah Bell <info@collectivevote.com>
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 3:45 PM
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Regards,
Sarah Bell

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From: Andrea Horbinski <info@collectivevote.com>
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Regards,
Andrea Horbinski

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From: Ranjit <info@collectivevote.com>
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 4:08 PM
To: Riemer, Allison
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Regards,
Tawny Reynolds

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Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 10:13 PM
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