

Rendell Bustos

From: William Tatomer [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 6:04 PM
To: Rendell Bustos
Subject: PA 2021-021

Hi
I'm distressed to so yet more building with no parking. So more will get into residential areas to park.
When will gridlock be a consideration?
This just seems wrong
Thanks
Bill Tatomer
Sent from my iPhone

Rendell Bustos

From: Jonathan Chun [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 2, 2021 9:11 AM
To: Rendell Bustos
Subject: Neighborhood Meeting PA 2021-021

Dear Planning Commission,

I've expressed this before but the ratio of housing to office space in San Mateo is too low. This project simply does not make sense with the current low demand relative to availability of office space compared to high demand and low availability of residences. Furthermore with no parking this building is sure to increase day time congestion and make parking even more difficult. I do not support this project as it is currently proposed. I propose it that they at least triple the number of housing units by building six stories with three devoted to housing and three to office space. I would also propose they have underground parking to support the office workers and people living there.

Jonathan Chun

Rendell Bustos

From: Kline Ashley [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 1:37 PM
To: Rendell Bustos; [REDACTED]
Subject: PA-2021-021 / 435 East 3rd Ave
Attachments: image001.wmz

Hi Rendell and Mike –

I received the notice about the above-referenced property at my place of business, which is within a couple of blocks of the proposed development. I am writing in my capacity as the GM of Dompe US, which is a biotech/pharmaceutical company located in downtown San Mateo, where we have about 8k sqft of commercial office space and about 20 employees, most of whom have been working from home since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. I am also a Burlingame resident and live about 10 minutes from the proposed site. I frequently shop and eat in downtown San Mateo.

Downtown San Mateo is a very desirable location for commercial offices. The large number of walkable coffee shops and restaurants add a lot to the employee experience, and the warmer weather helps with recruiting when spaces are compared to more traditional offices spaces, e.g. South San Francisco or the San Bruno office park where YouTube has offices. The proximity to the CalTrain express stop has also been helpful for us in our recruiting efforts.

I would like to ask the Developer to reconsider the lack of parking in the project, and the City to strongly consider rejecting the project unless it can be reworked to include underground parking. Parking downtown has become more challenging with the closure of B Street to provide a pedestrian arcade. Furthermore, employees do not want to come into the office because they have grown accustomed to working from home since the beginning of the pandemic. When they do come in, they want the commute and overall experience of getting to work on the 1-3 days/week that they come in to be as frictionless as possible. Taking public transit (CalTrain) makes an already undesirable commute completely untenable for many people. Personally at our office, we are finding that employees are opposed to working live from the office unless the company provides parking in our building garage, where we have access to a limited number of spaces that were allocated based on our square footage in the building.

I have also looked at numerous other commercial spaces in the area, and almost all of the space, even in older buildings, has on-site parking available for employees. While traffic is a nightmare, and I wish everyone could take public transit, we live in a reality where commuting from many Bay Area locations into downtown San Mateo is not efficient using CalTrain. Even from San Francisco, the trip via CalTrain is terrible from many neighborhoods.

Both for business reasons to add to the marketability of the space (commercial and residential), and for the health of the downtown San Mateo business district, this project should not be allowed to move forward unless it can provide a way for the people who live and work there to park their vehicles. Using existing street parking and garages for this new development would strain an already precious resource.

Apologies that I am unable to attend the Neighborhood Meeting later this week.

Ashley

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From: DA [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 11:09 AM
To: Rendell Bustos
Subject: Tonight's neighborhood meeting

Hi Rendell,

I'm hoping to join the meeting tonight but not sure with zoom how that works. I want to comment to you and you may pass it on at the meeting and show what I mean. As always please state that I'm not against the project but would like to see the design more in keeping with the standards reflecting San Mateo's history. My feeling has always been that all the new buildings have the same architecture especially in one location. Please see two examples that would lend itself better giving the cityscape the diversity we are looking for. Hope to see you tonight.

Thank you

Dino

815 HAMILTON ST



9:36 AM Thu Oct 7

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601 MARSHALL ST



Rendell Bustos

From: George California [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 3:41 PM
To: Rendell Bustos
Subject: PA-2021-021, 435 E 3rd Ave .. pre-App

Any project within the Downtown/Central district that does not propose on-site parking should be a non-starter. Very much opposed to this plan.

George Derby
[REDACTED]

Rendell Bustos

From: George California [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 4:02 PM
To: Rendell Bustos
Subject: Re: PA-2021-021, 435 E 3rd Ave .. pre-App

Setback seems inadequate for a future very high pedestrian traffic area.

Need more benches on the sidewalk around the building.

Where are the architecturally compatible trash cans? Should be at least three (3) around the building.

In terms of sidewalk space, have you considered street lighting attached to the building instead of sidewalk posts?

George Derby
[REDACTED]

Rendell Bustos

From: George California [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 5:29 PM
To: Rendell Bustos
Subject: Re: PA-2021-021, 435 E 3rd Ave .. pre-App

Is this project just a scaled down version of the building that went up on 4th Avenue between Railroad and Claremont?

George Derby
[REDACTED]