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Comments

Dear Mayor Tornek and City Council members,

I am impressed that a 100% affordable development was achieved without the use of subsidies, in an ideal location for higher density. Balconies for each unit are a brilliant way to extend the small 220 SF unit. Micro units are ideal for the kind of homes we need to be considering addressing our housing and climate change goals.

Yet, made up of mostly moderate-income units, it will be unattainable for most students. At the outset, the \$1,100 rent for the moderate units (which is what the developer says they will go for) is less than most units in the city. Nevertheless each potential resident must be income qualified, which makes the units out of range for most students. One solution is to share a unit if they were closer to 350 SF. But even so, I understand that the units cannot be shared.

To mitigate these concerns, I recommend that 30%-50% of the units be in the lower income categories, designed in such a way that the owner can make up the difference in rent by applying Section 8 subsidies for half of the units.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Shook

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Comments POP supports the building SROs as one option to solving the affordable housing crises.

However, this particular project does not adequately address the affordable housing needs of low and very low income single resident occupants.

As the project currently is configured, 90% or 180 of the 200 units in the project will be dedicated for moderate income residents at a rental rate of \$1100 which is discounted from the actual allowable rate of almost \$1,455 or more.

The very nature of SRO housing is to meet the housing demands of low and very low income tenants. It's not reasonable for the City to approve this project with its current specified dedication of units for moderate income levels to the detriment of the low and very low income levels.

Further, I don't think the intent of the State's RHNA requirements is encourage building out high priced SRO's for moderate income levels.

POP urges the Council to reject the current unit configuration. We would like to see 50% of the units be designated for low and very low income categories and 50% for the moderate income level. The owner can also apply for section 8 housing.

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Thank you.

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