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VIA EMAIL

Armando Lopez, Jr.
City of Sacramento, Community Development Department
300 Richards Boulevard, Third Floor
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RE: K21 (DR22-057)

Dear Armando Lopez, Jr.

Thank you for routing the K21 project to Civic Thread (formerly WALKSacramento). After reviewing the site, we are pleased to see its location so central to many important destinations promoting a healthy lifestyle and recreation. The proposed K21 development a mile or less away from hospitals, the farmers market, parks, and community centers that serve Native American and Indigenous, as well LGBTQ+ community members. To improve the health-supportive features of the project, we recommend the following:

While the farmers market will be offered locally, they will only be seasonally available on a weekly basis during weekday work hours. There is potential to expand access to fresh foods and encourage healthy behaviors by prioritizing commerce applicants that can provide local fresh food options or healthy meals for the space designated for retail. Providing accessible fresh food, such as produce, and healthy staples can help reduce these risks for chronic disease and contribute to positive nutrition related health impacts in the Downtown Area. Not only will the residents of the apartment benefit, but the community members within that area will gain an additional healthy retail option drawing more customers to the store while also helping combat nutrition related disease in the neighborhood.

As we promote walking and use of active transportation, we also want to ensure it is being done with safety as the top priority. Lack of lighting along the site's entrance on Jazz Alley and paths to the elevator and stairwells will be of concern. We recommend providing sufficient lighting from the exterior of the project buildings and any outdoor walkways on the site. Lighting will help with visibility which can improve personal

awareness, increase visibility to help deter crime, as well as increase visibility between pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists on bordering streets.

Lastly, as we've previously identified, this neighborhood is a key gathering place to our diverse communities who historically bear the burden of planning and development choices. We respectfully request for the construction of K21 to comply with recommendations for construction equity found in the CalEEMod 3 handbook, under [Chapter 5, CE-2 'Ensure Active Modes Access During Construction'](#). This compliance will support the active walking, biking, and rolling community we aim to create, as well as reduce health risk through mitigation of excessive emissions during demolition, most vitally for our communities of color and LGBTQ+ community members.

Civic Thread is working to support increased physical activity such as walking and bicycling in local neighborhoods as well as helping to create community environments that support walking and bicycling. The benefits include improved public health and physical fitness, better air quality, a stronger sense of cohesion and safety in neighborhoods, and more sustainable communities and local economies.

Please notify Civic Thread of future routings or notices for this project.

Sincerely,

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