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**Message:**

Dear members of the City of Richmond Planning Commission: The SUP for 3600 Grove Avenue should be opposed. As a resident of the Museum District for 35 years, I have witnessed many positive changes in the neighborhood. Sadly, our neighborhood is being overcome by its success and the quality of life in the neighborhood is under threat. Buildings from two to six stories are envisioned in the master plan for sites along the expressway, but the bulk of this building is massive. There are no step downs in its massing to bring it closer to the scale of the two to three story apartment buildings in our neighborhood. More importantly, the density of dwellings will overwhelm this site and this intersection. According to the traffic study, this intersection is rated marginal, and yet the developer is proposing to add several hundred apartments, people and cars at this corner. There is almost no loading area to serve the people who will live here as they have packages and food delivered and Ubers arrive to pick them up. Already it can be difficult to maneuver in the neighborhood with all of the double parked vehicles blocking the streets. This will have an especially devastating effect on the traffic flow at this busy intersection. Lastly, speaking as an architect, the proposed dark gray cementitious panels are ugly and should not be allowed on the building. I appreciate the efforts to design a building that is not just a big brick clad box and feel there are compelling aspects to the design of the project. If the building were reduced in height and density, the gray panels replaced with a better quality material, and the issue of loading areas resolved, I could be in support of the project. Thank you for your work for the city, and I ask you to do what is right and require additional design work before this project is approved. Sincerely, William (Bill) Loving Senior Architect Worley Associates Architects

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