

From: [Montoya, Michelle](#)
To: [_DRB - Design Review Board](#)
Cc: [Ross, Adam](#)
Subject: Late Correspondence - Item 8.2 - Downtown Station (Smart Site) Development
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Chair Weigl and Members of the Design Review Board,

Please see attached late correspondence for item 8.2, Downtown Station (Smart Site) Development, found on today's agenda. The correspondence will also be added to the agenda as an item attachment.

Thank you,

Adam Ross | City Planner

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From: [L. Willard Richards](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] 1/6/22 DRB hearing on 34 W 6th St.
Date: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 1:29:36 PM

To Adam Ross:

The Sonoma County Transportation and Land-Use Coalition supports the application of Cornerstone Properties to build an apartment building at the north end of the SMART property in Railroad Square and recommends that the Design Review Board approve the project during its meeting on January 6, 2022.

We all understand that Santa Rosa and Sonoma County have an urgent need for additional housing, that some of this housing should be affordable, that some market rate housing should be affordable by design, that building housing near a major transit stop is a high priority, and that this housing should have high density to maximize the housing near transit. The proposed project helps with all these needs.

The SMART Multiuse Path (MUP) will be an important transportation resource when it is completed, and it needs to be well-designed. The Prince Memorial Greenway suffers from being walled off from the adjacent community. Eyes on the street is a proven safety measure. Developments along the SMART MUP should be designed to provide eyes on the path. It is late in the planning process for Cornerstone Properties consider changing the front entrances to the two units on the ground floor facing the SMART MUP so they face the path. However, design changes that increase eyes on the path are encouraged. Future developments on the SMART property should also provide eyes on the path.

We are comfortable using building materials from this century in this project, and do not feel the need to use materials that were standard one or two centuries ago.

We recommend that this project be approved.

Sincerely,
Willard Richards, SCTLCL Chair