

October 14, 2009

Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association  
2791 24th Street  
Sacramento, California 95818

Dear Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association:

The Coalition on Regional Equity (CORE) strongly supports the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association's positions on the Curtis Park Village project. CORE supports SCNA's demand that the project be built in a community-oriented, walkable manner that responds to the current and future needs of the surrounding neighborhoods.

CORE advocates for regional development that is equitable, sustainable and promotes public health for lower income people and communities of color in the greater Sacramento Region. CORE is a coalition of over 20 different organizations that believe in the vision of a healthier region that serves the community's residents and our environment. The coalition is particularly interested in the few large infill sites in the region including the Curtis Park Railyards. We believe that these sites have the potential to shape the future of our region.

Located near two light rail stops, Curtis Park Village is perfectly situated to be a great transit oriented development. Connectivity throughout the development, to adjoining neighborhoods and to the two adjacent light rail stations is essential making this development a vibrant addition to the neighborhood. Allowing residents, students at Sacramento City College, and shoppers traverse the development on foot, bicycle, or public transit will be instrumental in assuring that the Curtis Park Village meets the needs of future residents and the broader community.

More compact and mixed-use development has many benefits including stronger community cohesion, walkability and reduced vehicle use. Curtis Park Village has the potential to be a true neighborhood center with all of the social and economic benefits that go along with that status. However, that can only be achieved through a plan that incorporates the principles of smart growth and transit oriented development. The current plan falls far short.

We look forward to working with the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association to ensure that Curtis Park Village lives up to its potential and becomes a world-class development.

Sincerely,

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