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Hello,

I wholeheartedly agree with Margot Smith's concerns re plans for a 1998 Shattuck. Please keep me informed re how we can stop this monstrosity.

"This building is far too large for Berkeley. It ignores our history as a family and student town; it creates Manhattan for the East Bay. More Traffic! More high income housing! Where do working people live? families? I hope you nix this 24 or more story market rate building for high income people. It is not appropriate for Berkeley. 154 cars for 599 apartments? Really, where will people park? We used to have height limits, did we vote to change this? Is this planning commission representing us? Do you know if the housing already built is occupied? what is the vacancy rate? Are students rich enough to afford this?

Do not approve this building. It is not right for Berkeley.

"Currently, this is the tallest proposal in the city's pipeline and would potentially become the tallest structure in the city. The **317-foot height eclipses the 307-foot tall Campanile bell tower** on the UC Berkeley campus. The current tallest building in Berkeley is the 1971-built Chase Building, with a rooftop height of 186 feet, followed by the 180-foot tall Anchor House, a UC-developed dormitory that opened last year.

The proposal is expected to rise 317 feet tall with 411,330 square feet of floor area, including 599 apartments, 16,140 square feet of retail, and a 154-car garage. Additional parking will be provided for 284 bicycles. Unit types include 489 studios and 110 two-bedroom residences. The structure will offer 13,030 square feet of residential open space across the second-floor open space, podium-top terraces, and rooftop deck."

Sincerely,

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OK, let's have highrise buildings in Berkeley, But what good is the Design Review Committee when the end result are those trite boxy structures with weird beige and brownish surfaces? The Trachtenberg architects are producing nothing but inferior buildings in Berkeley. 1998 Shattuck promises to be another one of their flops.

Hans Sluga