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**By e-mail aburns@berkeleyca.gov
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City of Berkeley
Design Review Committee
Planning and Development
1947 Center Street, 2nd Floor
Berkeley CA 94704
Attn. Anne Burns

**RE: 1950-1998 Shattuck Avenue
D.R. # DRCP2023-0003**
Isaiah Stackhouse/Trachtenberg Architects
Design Review January 16, 2025
McDonald's L/C: 004-0558

Dear Anne Burns:

This is in response to the notice regarding the proposed design review of the above-referenced project on January 16, 2025.

The purpose of this letter is to formally notify the Design Review Committee and the City of Berkeley that McDonald's USA, LLC has a leasehold interest in 1998 Shattuck Avenue (the "Leased Premises"), the term of which runs through December 31, 2031. A portion of the Leased Premises is subleased to a McDonald's franchisee for the operation of a McDonald's restaurant. McDonald's intends to occupy the Leased Premises for the duration of the term of its lease therefore any redevelopment of the Leased Premises may not commence until after the expiration of the term of the McDonald's Lease.

Sincerely,
McDONALD'S USA, LLC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. Molloy".

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Cc: Suzanne Noguees McDonald's by e-mail.

From: Margots999@sonic.net
To: [Burns, Anne M](#)
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Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 11:01:34 AM

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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."

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