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On Behalf Of:
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I oppose removing Design Review as proposed in the SB974 –1 Amendment “Section 12 (5)” on page 10 and “Section 13 (5)” on page 11.

- Buildings that will stand for over 50 years have a major impact on their neighbors and should be well designed.
- Communities embrace denser housing when they're confident it will look good.
- Residents of affordable housing deserve good design, too.
- Attention to design (i.e., building form, relating to context, durable and low-maintenance materials, energy efficiency, access to sun and light, etc.) are in fact critical ingredients in making buildings more cost efficient and affordable, long-lasting, and livable for ALL incomes.
- Design matters: When new larger infill developments relate to their context, they can fit seamlessly. When they don't, they stick out like a sore thumb, calling attention to gentrification and disrupting the success of the business districts.