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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.