

## Planned Development PLN18-0046 1388 Bancroft Apartments



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City Council Goals

- Place San Leandro on a firm foundation for longterm fiscal sustainability
- Advance projects and programs promoting sustainable economic development, including transforming San Leandro into a center for innovation
- Support and implement programs, activities and strengthen communication that enhances the quality of life and wellness, celebrates the arts and diversity and promotes civic pride

### Recent State Laws

#### Housing Accountability Act

Limits cities' ability to deny or reduce density for housing projects that meet objective standards

#### SB 35 Streamlining

Streamlines review and approval of eligible affordable housing projects through a ministerial approval process; no parking required near qualified transit

#### AB 1100 Parking Credit

Requires ADA parking with electric vehicle charging to be credited as two spaces

#### Housing Crisis Act (SB 330)

Limits cities' ability to regulate "housing developments"

- Residential
- Mixed-use with 2/3 or more of square footage for residential

Multi-layered changes aimed at early disclosure of objective requirements and a streamlined process

#### AB 744 Parking Requirements

Eligible affordable & mixed income housing within 1/2 mile of qualified transit service must be counted at .5 spaces per unit

# PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD)

- Planned Developments (PD) offer developers greater flexibility than otherwise allowed under the Zoning Code in return for a coordinated development that "provides superior urban design in comparison with the development under the base district zoning regulations."
- A Planned Development project is a form of a conditional use permit combined with aspects of site plan review
- Planned Developments are not bound by the underlying Zoning requirements and limitations

# PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD)

- Accommodates creative repurposing, historic preservation, and difficult or undevelopable properties
- Accommodates larger projects that may be subject to zoning standards intended for smaller projects and parcels
- Planned Developments must be consistent with the General Plan and compatible with surrounding development
- Subject to the City's discretionary review process, ultimately reviewed and approved by the City Council

## PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD)

- Minimum 10,000 square feet required to qualify
- Zoning Code allows a Planned Development to establish unit density and development standards
- A zoning map overlay identifies the property as "(PD)"
- The City typically processes 2 to 4 Planned Development applications annually

### **FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL**

In addition to the findings required for a Conditional Use Permit:

- The Planned Development Project Plan will provide superior urban design in comparison with the development under the base district zoning regulations; and
- The Planned Development project includes adequate provisions for utilities, services, and emergency vehicle access; and that public service demands will not exceed the capacity of existing and planned systems.

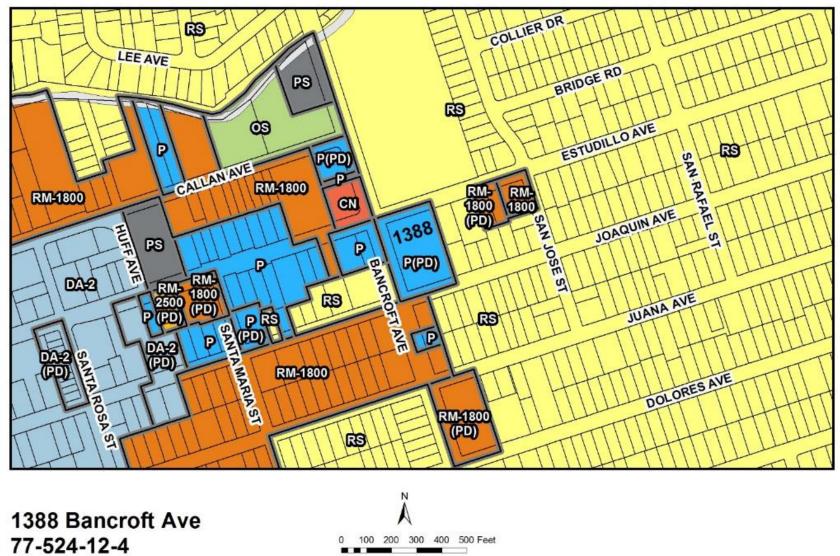
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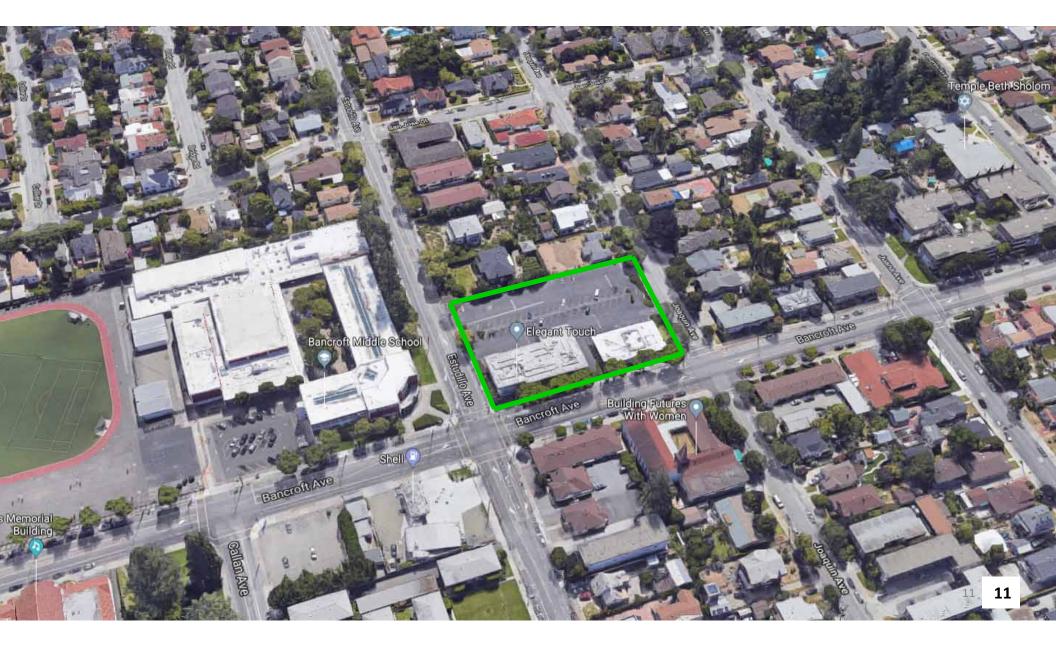
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- Revised Planned Development and Site Plan Review to construct a 42 unit multi-family residential rental apartments and wireless facility with monopole
- 3 story building
- 40 Two-Bedroom Units, 2 Three-Bedroom Units
- 55 parking spaces provided (no change)
- Planned Development (PD) zoning overlay map

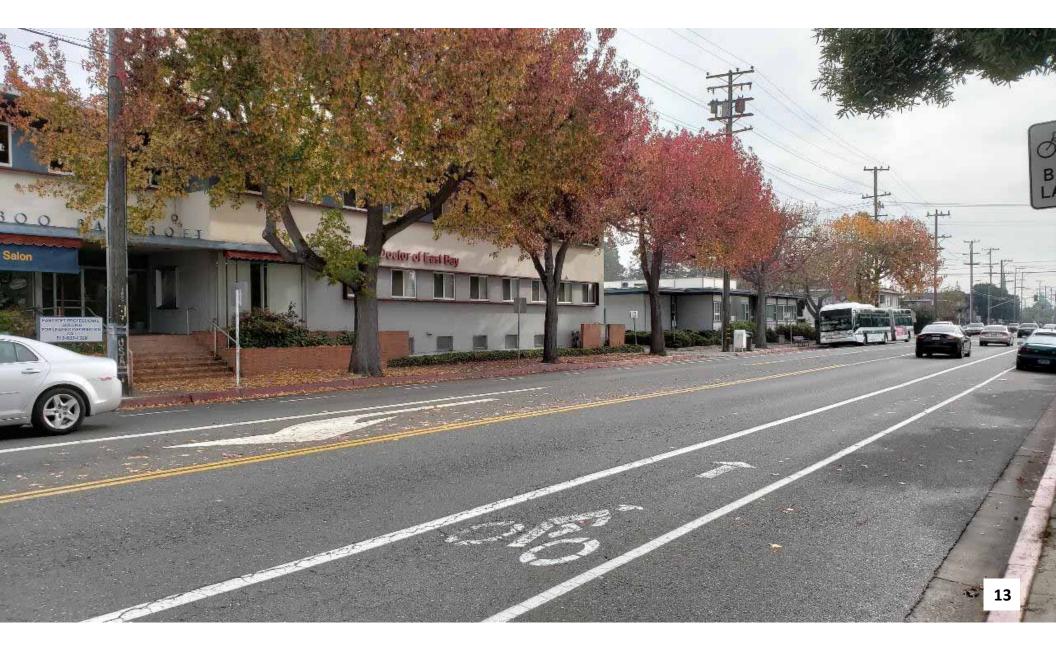
Summary of Proposed Changes

- Roof deck has been removed (no tenant access to the roof)
- 3 fewer units removed from the east elevation
- Footprint of removed units replaced with landscaping & wider sport lawn area
- Negligible changes to the building architecture, windows and landscaping











#### PERSPECTIVE VIEW FROM NORTHWEST AT BANCROFT AVE.

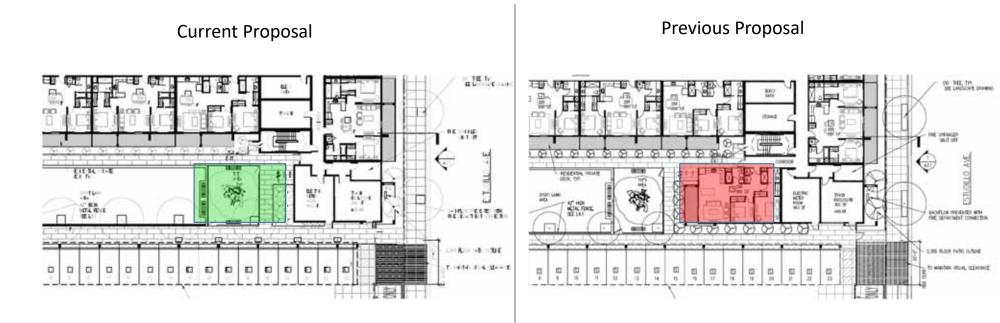




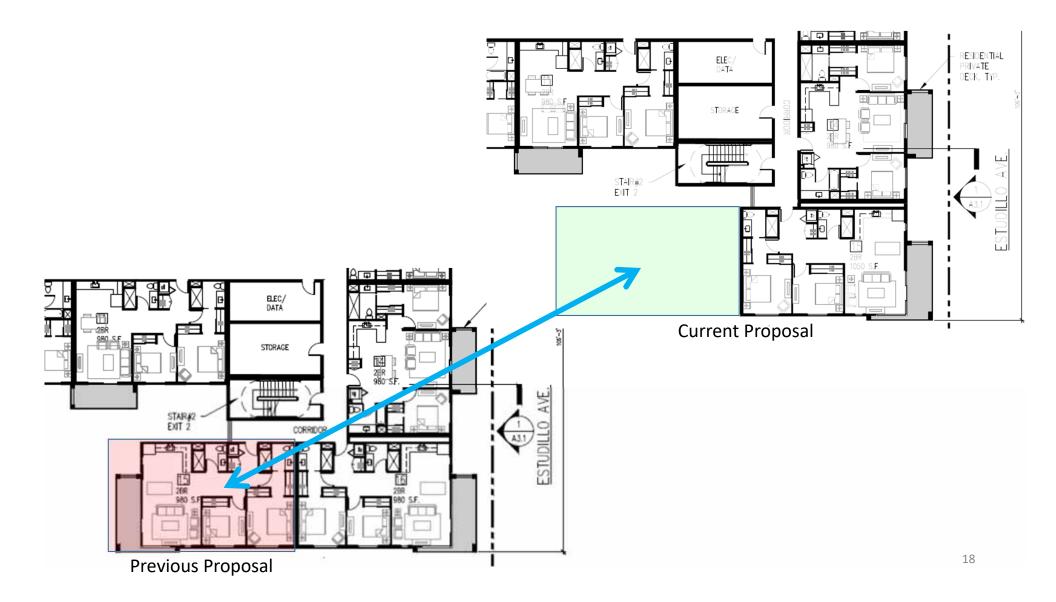
PERSPECTIVE VIEW FROM ESTUDILLO AVE.



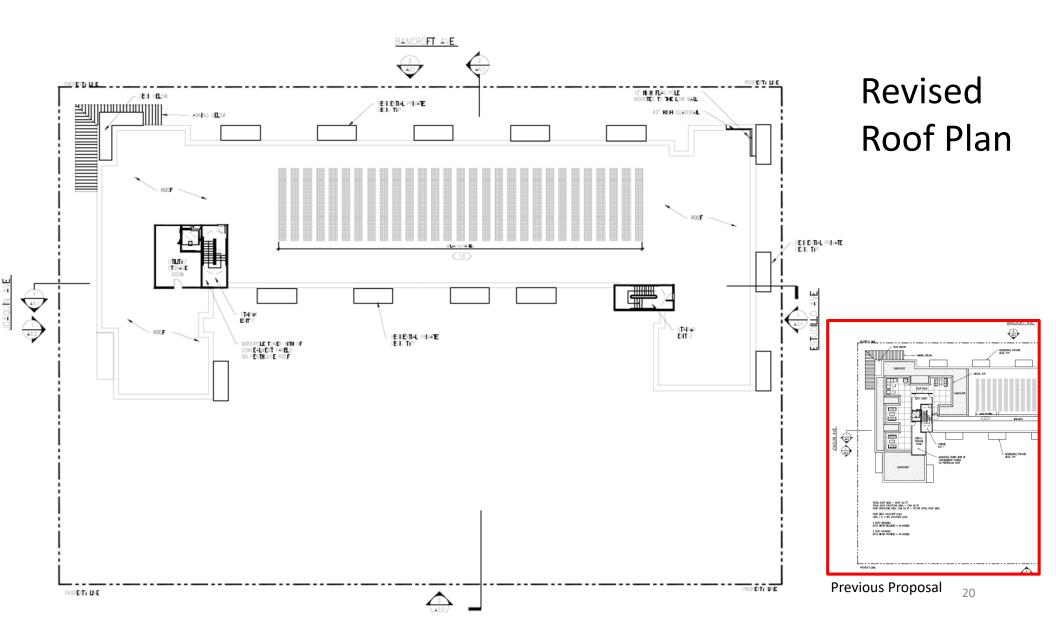
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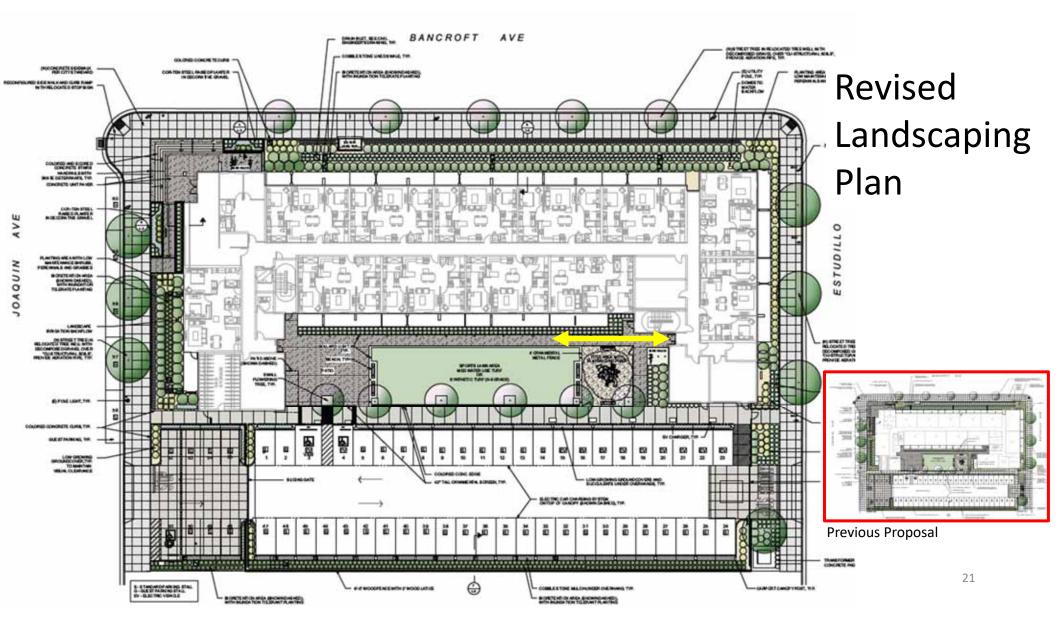


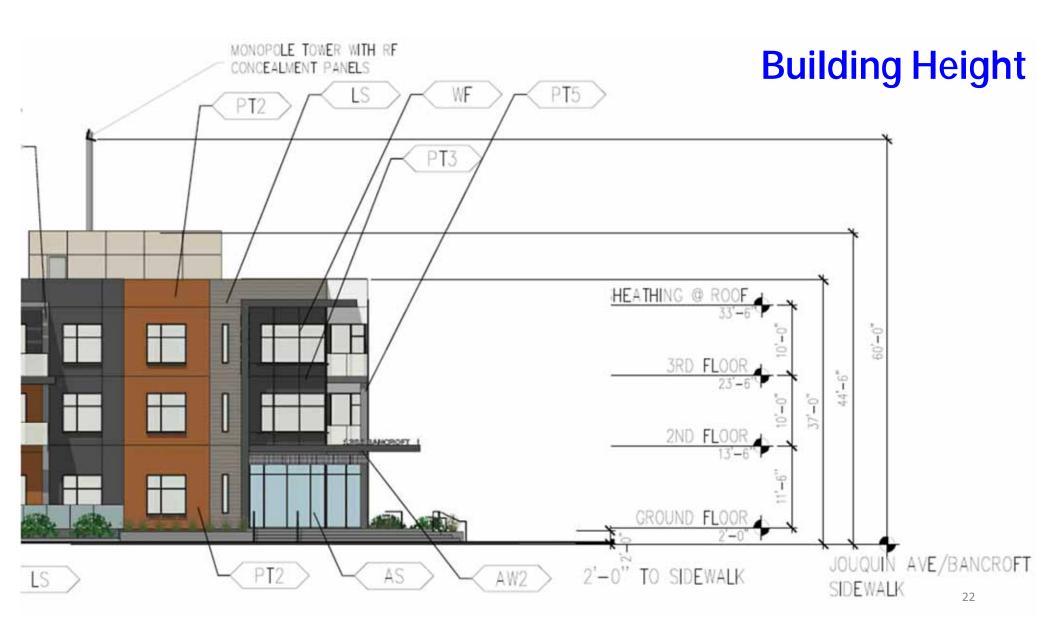
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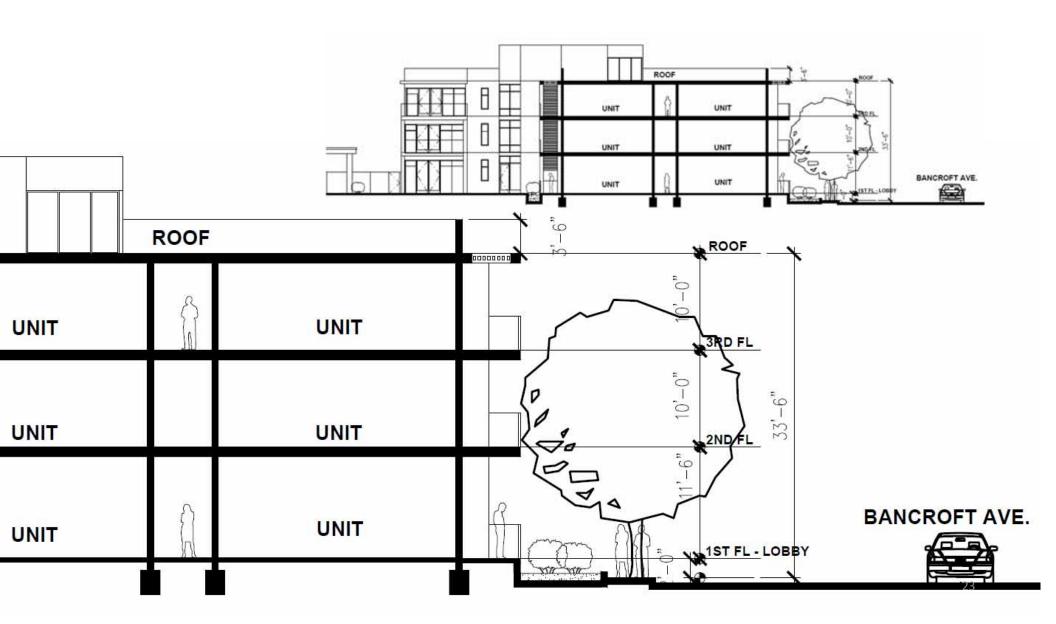








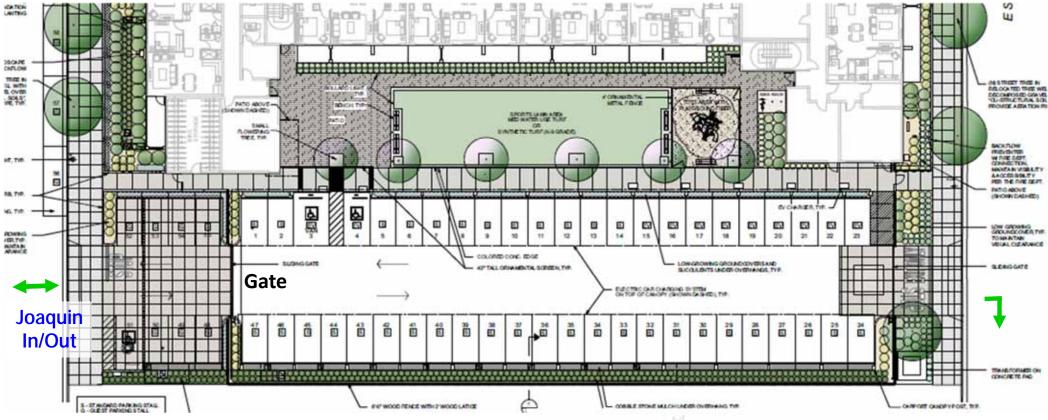






1388 Bancroft Project Amenities

- Sustainability features include EV charging, solar energy for electric and hot water
- Revised project will be all-electric
- Bicycle locker room
- Individual balconies, turf court, children's play area
- Community room
- Contemporary architectural design
- Lit San Leandro internet access
- Proposed services, refrigerated lockers for grocery delivery
- GreenTRIP Certification



55 Parking Spaces (47 gated) Provided 1.3 spaces per unit







### EXCEPTIONS FROM PROFESSIONAL OFFICE (P) ZONING DISTRICT STANDARDS

- Reduced Parking Count (55 instead of 108)
  1.3 spaces per unit versus 2.5
- Reduced Balcony Setback Along Estudillo Avenue 4 foot setback from supported balconies instead of 10 Architectural projections otherwise permitted
- Increased Unit Density (42 units instead of 31) Zoning maximum is the General Plan minimum

### Compliance with Zoning District Standards

Standard	Requirements	Provided	Complies?
Density	General Plan: 24 to 100 du/ac P & RM-1800 Zoning: 24 du/ac	34.64 du/ac	PD Requested
Floor Area Ratio	3.5	1.02	$\checkmark$
Height	50' max (RM-1800)	37′	$\checkmark$
Lot Coverage	50% max	34%	$\checkmark$
Landscape	5% min	17%	$\checkmark$
Parking	108 spaces	55 spaces	PD Requested
Setbacks	10' (on Estudillo Ave.)	4' balconies 10' building	PD Requested

### **TRAFFIC ANALYSIS**

- City's traffic analysis identifies the project's projected traffic generation would not affect level of service or network conditions
- Proposed project generates less traffic than baseline medical office and other permitted uses (offices, restaurants, retail services, etc.) in the Professional Office (P) Zoning District:
  - Prior study identified a reduction from 849 to 520 weekday trips from baseline; this will be further reduced with 42 units
  - 23 vs 84 peak hour trips for baseline medical offices with the reduction of three units from the prior proposal

### **TRAFFIC ANALYSIS**

- Traffic signal at Estudillo and Bancroft currently operates at LOS C and will remain unchanged with the proposed development
- Right turn exit only onto Estudillo Avenue, directing traffic away from the intersection at Bancroft
- Number of driveways reduced from five to two
- School pick-up and drop-offs are a problem at certain times, but the proposed project was not found to be a contributing factor

### **PARKING ANALYSIS**

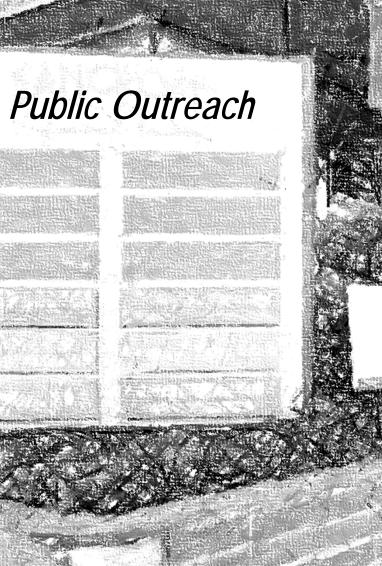
- Parking requirements at 1.3 per unit in between multi-family parking requirements for downtown projects (1 per unit) and other areas (about 2.5 per unit).
- Project requires a Parking Management Plan to actively allocate and optimize all available spaces
- Project is conditioned to be responsive to parking issues should they arise. The City has the authority to require further improvements.
- Project promotes active transportation modes, bicycle lockers, and access to transit. GreenTRIP certification supports this.

### HOUSING

- The State of California is facing a housing crisis. A number of new laws have been passed to reduce barriers and streamline entitlements, especially for housing near transit.
- San Leandro is currently in compliance with its State mandated goals for affordable housing, but not for market rate /above moderate income housing.
- City Inclusionary Housing Ordinance allows alternatives to setting aside 15% of a project as long-term affordable units.

### HOUSING

- Instead of 6 affordable rental housing units, project proposes a mix of 2 moderate to low income units, on-site or off-site, and an in-lieu fee payment of approx. \$134K for the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF)
- Project meets multiple housing goals for the City
  - Makes progress towards State market rate housing goal
  - Provides needed AHTF replenishment
  - Advances General Plan/Housing Element objectives



- Notification of business and property owners within 500 feet
- Site was posted on 9/08/20
- Public notices mailed on 9/10/20
- Newspaper legal notice on 9/11/20
- CEQA IS-MND circulated on 11/30/18
- Applicant website created for project www.1388bancroft.com
- Applicant advertised and hosted community meetings in Zoom on 8/27/20 and 9/10/20

### Planning Commission Recommendation

- The Planning Commission considered the proposed project on December 20, 2018
- 18 public speakers, about 35 people in attendance at the hearing
- Motion to approve included a recommendation to prohibit short term rentals and to have the Parking Management Program include a preferred parking plan for existing residents and homeowners
- Planning Commission recommended City Council approval by a 4-2 decision

Why is the revised project being recommended?

- The project conforms to the General Plan
- The project meets the required findings for approval
- The project qualifies for and meets the Planned Development requirements, provides high quality design and amenities
- The project contributes to the City's housing needs
- Programs and alternatives to accommodate parking are provided
- Parking convenience does not outweigh the project's benefits
- Traffic generation will not contribute to existing conditions
- This revised project addresses concerns posed at prior hearings

### Recommendation

The Planning Commission and staff recommend City Council approval of the proposed project by making the following actions:

- A. Adopt a Resolution approving the Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Mitigation Monitoring Program; and
- B. Adopt a Resolution approving the Planned Development, PLN18-0046, with wireless communications facility and Site Plan Review, based on the attached Findings of Fact and subject to the recommended Conditions of Approval.
- C. Adopt an Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map with a Planned Development P(PD) zoning overlay



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