

**Fw: Thank you re Riverfront housing proposal**

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Hi Uriel and Emmanuel,

Uriel - Please include this email comment on the August 8, 2023, Planning Commission agenda as a General Public Comment

Emmanuel - Please add this email comment to the project record and share it with the applicant team.

Thanks,

Andrew

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**From:** Nancy Chien-Eriksen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 7, 2023 2:17 PM  
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To the Planning Commission:

I want to thank all the Planning Commission for rejecting the recent mediocre proposal for the Riverfront senior housing project. Having studied in Europe and gotten my degree in art history from UCLA, I'm ever dismayed at the cheapness of too many so called architectural "firms" that specialize only in tickey tackey boxes. They have little background or concern for design aesthetics, only their own economics...which would reflect on the interiors and durability of materials as well.

30 years ago I walked into a planning commission meeting for the Corona Ely development. It was 10 pm, no one else from the public was there, but I saw that the zone was about to be okayed for 2500 plain boxes for homes. I commented that the area was adjacent to rural homes with character. The roofs needed to be hipped or slanted rather than flat (ecological as well), and there needed to be porches that break up the flat, boring fronts, thus encouraging exterior use and contact with neighbors. I'm happy that this affected the look of that large development which is near my home. I have occasionally walked the area and have asked residents how they like having a porch. They love it.

I encourage you to require that the proposers find someone who knows architecture, its history, Petaluma's history, and its huge effect on the individual psyche and social character of a community. 5 year olds can jam boxes together, but we in Petaluma deserve much, much more--and we can get it.

Thank-you for your caring and insistence,  
Nancy Chien-Eriksen