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13 STORIES????????!!!!

From [REDACTED]
Date Mon 1/6/2025 6:51 PM
To 1230fifth <1230fifth@cityofsanrafael.org>

Are you out of your minds?

[REDACTED]



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What we want out town to be

From [REDACTED] >**Date** Tue 1/7/2025 10:29 PM**To** 1230fifth <1230fifth@cityofsanrafael.org>

I have been meaning to contact the planning commission about many of the new buildings already in process and completed recently in San Rafael.

The taller buildings are built very close to the sidewalk with little setback, creating a very congested feeling that is not the San Rafael I hoped to live in. I have been a resident for over 25 years and would really like the planning commission to require larger set backs to give some breathing space to our city.

Then comes along what seems like a proposal that does not fit at all in San Rafael. Over 14 floors tall? And, 0.5 parking space per living situation when we know that at least 2 cars, if not more, will need parking spaces per unit. This proposal seems so obviously out of place in our town. Remember, we are a town, not a big city. I know there is a lot of NIMBY, but come on, this jump from 6 floor buildings to 14-16 floor buildings just seems very out of place.

Please reconsider this project and also consider future projects to go for some aesthetics with further setbacks to create/maintain some openness to our streets.

We can work together to create projects that fit in our city model.

Would welcome some feedback from you all.

Thank you for your time – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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Bad idea

From

[REDACTED]

Date Wed 1/15/2025 9:35 PM**To** 1230fifth <1230fifth@cityofsanrafael.org>

To the city of San Rafael planning committee,

I highly oppose this massive monstrosity of a building. Not only is it intrusive but obnoxious and will dwarf anything in the area.

Traffic is bad enough in this small community. Why add more people confined to a small location?

This isn't New York that can absorb a huge 50 story building...

We are a small quiet community that I hope can stay that way.

Money and greed shouldn't be the only driving force for housing projects in this community.

I would highly reconsider this project
and think more long term about the real needs of San Rafael-

We should be focusing more on the homeless crisis, figuring out the traffic problems and looking at long term growth strategies that help all and not just a slim minority of investors-

With respect,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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Proposed 12+ story apartment building

From [REDACTED]**Date** Wed 1/15/2025 12:52 PM**To** 1230fifth <1230fifth@cityofsanrafael.org>

When will the city have meeting(s) to hear public comment? The height of this proposed building does not conform with surrounding buildings and would be out of place.

Concerned resident,

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows



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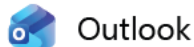
Thank you

From [REDACTED] >
Date Wed 1/15/2025 12:44 PM
To 1230fifth <1230fifth@cityofsanrafael.org>

Thank you for entertaining a proposal for more housing in San Rafael... sorely needed.

I can only imagine how much blow back is being thrown your way. Regardless, more housing is needed and the building model appears nice. Glad to hear about the low income housing provision.

Best
[REDACTED]



Re: Is this a joke?

From [REDACTED]
Date Sat 1/18/2025 10:03 PM
To 1230fifth <1230fifth@cityofsanrafael.org>

Your mother wasn't capable of love, it's not your fault, but it is your fault if you don't get help and continue the cycle of abuse!

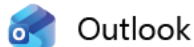
Get help. See a good therapist or whatever works, but get the hell out of public office!

On Sat, Jan 18, 2025 at 9:55 PM [REDACTED] > wrote:

There is no possible way you are putting the interests of the actual residents of San Rafael at heart. There is no way you would permit this kind of development that just hand waves away a bunch of sensible limits to development in your own neighborhood. You must be getting something out of these development deals. They sure as hell don't improve the quality of life for the residents of the city, so what the hell are you doing? How is it that such shady selfish people ended up making decisions for anyone else that lives here?? Go away and leave us alone!

Don't you get that your quality of life will be affected too even if you live up on the hillside? Do you want more traffic and congestion? What is the point of the high rents if you destroy the quality of life in the county, you grifting midwits?

We just need the leeches like you and others, obviously at all levels of government, to get off our backs! Leave us alone! Let someone that is actually capable of empathy take your place!



Re: 1230 Fifth Avenue

From [REDACTED] >

Date Wed 2/12/2025 11:31 AM

To 1230fifth <1230fifth@cityofsanrafael.org>

Hello and good morning,

Can you let me know the upcoming meeting dates?
Seems like they are often cancelled.

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On Mon, Feb 10, 2025 at 8:34 AM [REDACTED] > wrote:

Good morning,

When will this project be on the City Council meeting?

I am in favor of a multi-unit building, especially downtown, especially for housing.

However, 13 levels is far too high. I wholeheartedly support something of a 4-5 level, similar to the AC Marriott - with enough parking of course, but not anything above that height.

I would like to attend the next meeting, when is on the agenda?

Thank you,





Dear Chair and Members of the Planning Commission,

On behalf of the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce, an advocate for our 5,128 Marin County employers representing more than 40,428 employees across 25 industry sectors, I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed mixed-use developments at 1230 Fifth Avenue and 900 A Street.

Expanding the availability of housing remains one of the Chamber's highest priorities. Marin County's high cost of living continues to be the single greatest challenge our members face in recruiting and retaining a stable workforce. Employers across all sectors—from health care and education to retail, hospitality, and technology—regularly identify the shortage of attainable housing as a barrier to growth and economic vitality. Adding to our housing supply in a meaningful, strategic way is essential to sustaining a thriving local economy.

These two projects directly advance the goals of the 2021 Downtown Precise Plan, a comprehensive and community-driven roadmap that the Chamber actively participated in shaping. That plan outlines a forward-looking vision for a more inclusive, walkable, transit-oriented, and resilient downtown. At its heart is a clear directive: create new housing within the downtown corridor to support a vibrant, people-oriented environment.

The proposals before you do exactly that.

Project Details

900 A Street (Third & A Streets)

- 131 rental units
- 11 below-market-rate units
- 106 parking spaces
- 8 stories

1230 Fifth Avenue (Fifth Avenue & C Street)

- 187 rental units
- 19 below-market-rate units
- 169 parking spaces
- 13 stories

Collectively, these developments will add 318 new homes, including 30 below-market-rate units, while replacing aging structures well past their useful lifespan. Importantly, these new residents will become customers of our small businesses, patrons of our restaurants, and contributors to the daily vibrancy that keeps local commerce alive. With



fewer workers commuting into the county and more people living near jobs, transit, and services, these developments strengthen both our economic resilience and our climate goals.

Local businesses, especially those that once relied on the foot traffic of full office buildings, are eager to welcome more residents living and working in the heart of San Rafael. Housing in our downtown is no longer a complement to economic vitality; it is a requirement for it.

For these reasons, the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce respectfully urges the Planning Commission to approve both the 1230 Fifth Avenue and 900 A Street proposals. These projects are aligned with the City's adopted downtown vision, responsive to employer needs, and essential to the long-term health of San Rafael's economy.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for your commitment to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Strolia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Karen Strolia
President & CEO
San Rafael Chamber of Commerce