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Re: Draft Environmental Impact Review / Case File Number ER 03-0007

Dear Ms. Cappio and Ms. Warner:

The Lakeside Apartment Neighborhood Association (LANA) proposes that the preservation of the historic fabric of uptown and creative adaptive reuse solutions should be priorities in the Uptown Mixed-Use Project Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Therefore we request further study in the Draft Environmental Impact Report of the transition between existing structures and the proposed "Uptown" development to ensure the preservation of existing structures of all historic periods, whether 19th century buildings, the Western Power Building, Giant Burger (former Kwik Way) or the barbecue restaurant.

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Small businesses in Oakland should be fostered and integrated into the urban design, not threatened with eminent domain. Repeatedly I hear city officials and staff state that one of the objectives of "development" is to bring in small businesses to Oakland yet simultaneously thriving small businesses such as Revelli Tires, Autohaus car repair, etc. are threatened with eviction.

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Why should hard working small businesses that contribute to the City's taxes be removed to make room for developers that require public subsidies? Instead of "developments" that demonstrate a slash and burn philosophy of urban planning we support developers whose projects reflect vision, respect, and creative integration of the existing historic fabric.

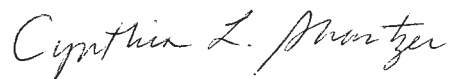
In the October 15, 2003 Oakland City Planning Commission meeting Development Director, Ms. Claudia Cappio reported that the DEIR was available online. This information was not correct.

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The Jack London Square Draft Environmental Impact Report was posted on the City of Oakland's website. Why wasn't the Draft Environmental Report for the Uptown Mixed-Use Project, ER-0007, posted online?

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Respectfully submitted,



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Environmental Impact Reports

<u>Name/Project</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Comment</u>
1.) <u>Oakland Army Base Current DEIR- April 2002</u>	N/A	
2.) <u>Oakland Army Base Final EIR- July 2002</u>	N/A	
3.) <u>Oakland Army Base Current Draft EIR Appendix- April 2002</u>	N/A	
4.) <u>Oakland Army Base Current DEIR Traffic Supplemental- April 2002</u>	N/A	
5.) <u>200-228 Broadway Project Final EIR</u>	ER01-0008	
6.) <u>200-228 Broadway Project Draft EIR</u>	ER01-0008	
7.) <u>426 Alice Street Final EIR</u>	ER01-0025	
8.) <u>426 Alice Street Draft EIR</u>	ER01-0025	
9.) <u>RAP/RMP Documents- July 2002</u>	ER01-0025	
10.) <u>300 Harrison Street Draft EIR</u>	N/A	
11.) <u>Final EIR for the 300 Harrison Street Project</u>	ER00-0039	
12.) <u>Jack London Square Redevelopment Draft EIR</u>	ER03-004	