



November 3, 2003

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City of Oakland
Community and Economic Development Agency
Planning & Zoning Services Division
250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 3330
Oakland, CA 94612-2032

Attn: Lynn Warner

Re: Uptown Mixed Use Project
Environmental Impact Report

We are a certified small local business with offices at 593 20th Street, Oakland, CA. Our firm has been in the City of Oakland doing business since 1996, and earlier when the undersigned and other colleagues were with a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise. We do City of Oakland projects and other public and private projects.

The proposed Uptown Development, if implemented, will affect our ability to remain functional and some City projects will likely be affected. The Environmental Impact Report does not address the presence nor does it address the impact on our business and other businesses on 20th Street. This is unprofessional and is in direct contradiction to the City's policy of encouragement of small business.

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When the property transferred hands from the then landlord to the City, we were offered the first choice in buying the property. We did not choose to take the opportunity in view of the uncertainty. The project has now it seems has become a reality and our opportunity to procure was a missed one.

We hereby lodge our protest over the negligent and insufficient report. We would appreciate discussing the impact on our business, financially and otherwise, and the steps for the mitigation thereof.

Sincerely,

Shamir K. Mondle, P.E.
Chief Engineer/Member
SKM Consulting Engineers LLC