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November 2, 2015

Dear City Council,

As a long time Albany resident I am asking you to please do your elected duty. The Regents of California have a mandate to protect California public education. Their board acts more like Tea Party corporate raiders than Albany residents. They have chosen to turn public communal property into for-profit industry for large corporations. They are not protecting the interests of Albany. You are our last hope.

Albany has rules for building. So far, City Council has broken many of them just to allow this project to proceed. Please stop. My petition is clear, the rules are being broken. It doesn't matter that the Regents have a lot of money and are dangling shiny objects in front of you. Please require them to follow our building and environmental codes.

Please stop giving away Albany resources and breaking the law for the UC Regents. They did not elect you to office - Albany voters did. Please follow the rules you have been elected to enforce.

**Note:** I hope you find it ironic that those of us who engage in peaceful civil disobedience are the ones asking you to follow the laws you have created.

While we have been peacefully asking UC to create a community-focused and environmentally sustainable development that follows Albany building and sustainability codes for 20 years, this land was originally populated by the Ohlone. One of their Elders, Hank Herrera, would also like to ask you to follow your own rules.

As his arguments directly pertain to my petition to stop the development, I would like him to explain, in his own words following his own customs, why this project should not proceed.

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Good Evening Mayor and City Council Members.

My name is Jackie Hermes-Fletcher and I along with hundreds of others have tried for many years to enlighten and convince Albany City Councils and UC folks to rezone and negotiate the 20 acres of the Gill Tract as community gardens, open space, farmland, historical museums, a local coop market, and parks etc. for the East Bay community members to enjoy in our already impacted area.

We know that the Texas developer named "Belmont Village Berkeley" will be offering to UC Berkeley faculty, retired faculty and families, the priority leasing of these units over Albany residents and the public. I don't remember that in past discussions.

But I digress, how will Belmont Village Berkeley propose to protect any existing 100 year old trees, that they haven't already cut down, near Village & Cordonices Creek?

Any other landscaping will most likely destabilize the existing riparian environment.

Also, no green roofs or affordable housing built into these mini mall structures show that both Belmont and Sprouts are out of touch with the reality of carbon buildup on Earth and more people in low paying jobs needing affordable housing for their families (like the workers who might staff the Belmont and Sprouts facilities).

My heart goes out to our beloved descendants of this region.

Belmont Village Senior Living

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October 14, 2015

(Sent to UCB Faculty, retirees)

Dear Friend,

After 5 years of planning and pursuit of approvals we are so excited to invite you to celebrate the construction launch of Belmont Village Berkeley. Belmont Village was selected by the University through a robust request for Proposal process. We entered into an Affiliation Agreement with the UC Berkeley Retirement Center to develop a senior living community less than 3 miles from campus. We're proud to announce that we break ground this fall with plans to open spring 2017.

This will be Belmont's second university-affiliated community within the UC system. In 2009 we opened Belmont Village Westwood in collaboration with the UCLA Emeriti and Retiree Joint Housing Committee. Today our residents enjoy a myriad of rich academic, cultural and social opportunities through our affiliation with the university.

Belmont Village Berkeley is being designed with you in mind. As a UC Berkeley, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, or UC Office of the President faculty or staff retiree, you and your parents, along with the parents of active faculty and staff, enjoy a priority leasing status. A

joint planning committee of Belmont Village and UCB representatives is working to create an exceptional residential community that will cater to your specific interests and needs. As a member of our priority wait list, you will have first choice of apartments, before the general public.

At our special Retiree Launch Reception and Presentation at the UCB Faculty Club on November 17, Patricia Will, a Belmont Village founder and CEO will preview the project and answer questions, joined by members of the Belmont/UCB Joint Planning Committee. We hope you'll join us to learn more about the exciting programs and opportunities coming soon for Bay Area retirees.

In the meantime, to learn more about the project and the healthy blend of services, amenities and care that Belmont Village provides, please call us at (510) 525-4554. We look forward to hearing from you and we hope to see you in November!

Warmest regards,

Peg Bulger Community Relations

Susan Berger Community Relations

11/17/15 from 4:30-6:30 @ Great Hall,UCB Faculty Club



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Retiree Launch Reception - November 17, 2015 - 4:30 - 6:30 PM  
UC Berkeley Faculty Club, 2148 Rindbergh Hall  
Special Luncheon: Retiree Reception - Berkeley, CA (510) 525 4554 <http://belmontvillage.com>

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