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I am writing in support of the passage of the resolutions to eliminate parking requirements city-wide given:

\*the obvious equity concerns with people who live near San Pablo Ave where developments can now by right go up 9-12 stories with 0 parking spaces especially given that the rest of the residents in Albany are also a short walk to shops and transit, a criterion which is often used by the state to allow increased density and less parking in new developments.

\*the revelation at a recent prior meeting that in the past 10 years no requests for reduction in parking in R-1 have been denied but each resident was still charged hundreds if not thousands of dollars for the request and subjected to P&Z review.

Given the equity issues with residents near SPA and the recent revelations regarding wasted time and money on parking reduction requests, I request the city look at other aspects of residential development that can be streamlined. Like the development of design guidelines which if met by a homeowner skip the design review. For example, when is the last time a 2nd story addition was rejected? Please agendize a discussion of what aspects of proposed home remodels really need city and community input and which are going to get the rubber stamp every time.

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