

Dear Eric Lee and the members of DPAC,

I have been a resident of Davis for over 44 years. I arrived here in 1963 to attend UC Davis and received my MFA in 1967.

In 1982, my wife Mary and I lived in Old North Davis with our two young children until we outgrew our small duplex.

In 1986 we moved to 327 I Street in the Old East Davis neighborhood and have stayed in this place we call home for many reasons: a great place to raise our children, beautiful tree-lined streets, historic homes, access to parks, schools, downtown, the arboretum and UCD.

And now in 2020, we begin the year with the draft Downtown Plan in place. Many issues involve the surrounding neighborhoods of Old North, University/Rice and Old East. My focus is on the Transition Zones that are critical to preserving these neighborhoods. These transition zones are part of the General Plan, Core Area Specific Plan and the draft plan and need to be respected.

Without the transition zones in place in Old East Davis, the proposed Trackside building of 4 stories would be a huge wall along the alley with increased traffic, parking, privacy and safety concerns. The integrity to the existing neighborhoods would be adversely affected.

As an artist, the visual beauty of the trees, wildlife, skies and historic buildings create an environment of inspiration. Our neighborhood is friendly, engaging and active. We are thriving!

Please respect the transition zones!

Sincerely,

Stephen Kaltenbach