Walden Development Lobbies For Higher Density

- *"Use controls for the proposed Urban Mixed-Use (UMU) use district should be more permissive than currently proposed and should permit general office use, medical offices without regard to size and with "realistic" amounts of parking, and retail uses in excess of 7,500 square feet, and affordable housing requirements should be "realistic."*

-Josh Smith/Walden Development, letter to Planning Department, September 14, 2007, comment on draft Environmental Impact Report

- *"Sixteenth Street should be designated a "transit corridor" with a height of 65 feet near Mission Bay and Interstate 280. Seventh Street should have a height limit of 55 feet."*

-Josh Smith, 2007, comment on and rezoning and height options, draft Eastern Neighborhoods Environmental Impact Report

- *"Height limits along the north side of 16th Street (on Blocks 3833 and 3834) should be increased to 65 feet, not the 45 feet indicated in the DEIR of Option B or the 50 to 55 feet indicated for Options A and C."*

-Steven L. Vettel, Farella, Braun + Martel, June - September 2007, comment draft EIR

- *"Height Limit at 17th and Texas Streets: The Commission asked staff to look into appropriate height limits for 17th Street around Texas Street, in light of a project sponsor who would like a higher height limit. Though staff has no problem with the project in question, it believes 45 feet is the correct height along this corridor."*

- August 7, 2008 excerpt from Planning Department memo to members of Planning Commission, Ken Rich Eastern Neighborhoods Project Manager, Final set of potential changes and concerns raised by Commissioners