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City of Berkeley Landmarks Preservation Commission
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RE: Landmarks Preservation Commission Letter Regarding Anna Head

Dear Chairperson Montgomery and Members of the Berkeley Landmarks Preservation Commission,

Thank you for your interest in the Anna Head School site and the Berkeley campus.

We anticipate presenting information about our proposed housing project at the Anna Head School site to the Landmarks Preservation Commission in the near future, consistent with the UC-City of Berkeley Collaborative Planning Framework and LRDP Settlement Agreement between the City and University. Our presentation will include a discussion of how we are thinking about balancing the need to honor the legacy of the Anna Head School with our student housing objectives. We will also include a discussion of how we plan to integrate the three recently restored Anna Head School buildings (Alumnae Hall, E, and F) into the overall composition and program for the housing project.

Once we have a clearer understanding of our project schedule, I will collaborate with Planning Director Klein and his staff to ensure appropriate materials are provided to the Commission for this important presentation and discussion.

We are deeply committed to the stewardship of UC Berkeley's historic resources, while also recognizing that the campus is not a museum. The campus is proud of the preservation work we have recently accomplished, including the recently restored Creekside Building (formerly the Dwinelle Annex) and Electrical Substation 8 (the historic campus powerhouse), both designed by John Galen Howard, and 2232 Piedmont Avenue, designed by Julia Morgan. Adapting our campus fabric to address the urgent need for affordable student housing and changing teaching methodologies, to support emerging areas of research, and to incorporate improved physical accessibility is necessary, and requires us to balance preservation with programmatic need and limited financial resources.

Sincerely,



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