
Public Comment for EA 1398

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I am writing to urge the Planning Commission to adopt a code amendment that explicitly permits first-story rooftop decks on lots 25 feet or less, aligning the formal Zoning Code with the City's 20-year history of permit approvals. On narrow lots where ground-level space is limited, these decks provide essential access to light and air while offering an ideal opportunity for green roof integration. By encouraging vegetated rooftops on these smaller footprints, the City can improve stormwater management, reduce the 'urban heat island' effect, and enhance local biodiversity—all without increasing a building's mass. Restricting this usage on lots 25 feet or less creates an unnecessary hardship and misses an opportunity to promote sustainable, high-quality urban living. I ask the Commission to formalize a 'Liberal Interpretation' that supports equitable land-use rights and environmental resilience for all residents."