

## Takeda, Michi

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**Subject: Affinity Project on Arroyo Parkway**

Dear Michi:

My brother and I are the tenants across the street from the proposed project, the Affinity Project. We own the Parkway Grill and the Arroyo Chophouse restaurants and we feel that this project is sorely needed in our great City.

As is apparent, the buildings that occupy the real estate in question have been dilapidated for years and have been an eye sore and in need of some much needed reimagined/vital new uses.

I can not think of a better location for Medical, Research and Assisted Living uses that have synergy that works extremely well together.

I very much like the plans for preserving the two historic structures across the street from our restaurants and using the courtyard between them as the public center of the project.

I also feel that the development is the perfect fit for that corner, and will bring the kinds of jobs and economic activity that has been missing for the last couple of decades.

I feel that the proximity to Huntington Memorial Hospital is ideal.

My brother and I have hosted our Fall Food and Wine Festival at Parkway Grill and the Chophouse for the past 37 Years with all proceeds going to the Hospital. The funds have generally gone to the Trauma Center as more and more hospitals have closed theirs due to the expense involved in operating their own. This has been a very important endeavor for us, as one never knows when a family member or loved one may need to go to a Great Trauma Center.

In my opinion this project is long overdue.

We are 100% in favor of the Affinity Project.

Best to you,

Gregg Smith

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