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101 & Princess

Jeremy:

In response to the request to review the proposed 101 & Princess development, I've got the following comments. (I would have preferred to have more time to tie my comments to specific Design Guidelines, but this is what I have for now).

The entry element spotlighted on the first page and renderings on pdf pages 15, 16, & 17 has human scale, shadow, interest, and horizontal lines that comply with the Design Guidelines and are sensitive to the context of immediately adjacent development.

The remainder of the buildings except the entry elements appear to provide long expanses of a repetitive series of vertical planes and vertical slot openings from the ground to the top of the parapet.

The rendering on PDF pages 18 &19 showing the impact of 4 buildings together demonstrates that the bulk of the building elevations present an industrial feel to the freeway traffic that lacks human scale and feels somewhat out of character with the center, which has more of an office feel than an industrial scale.

Some horizontal elements extending across a portion of the vertical slots might help break up the long series of ground to roof lines and provide some visual relief. The Design Guidelines suggest site walls that integrate with the base of the building. Additional horizontal overhang elements similar to those at the entry that would cast shadows, perhaps at the 2nd floor level might help.

-Roger A. Wilkes, Architect Wilkes Architecture, Inc.