



# UPTOWN PLANNERS

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**RE: Request to Postpone Public Hearing of Appeal to Planning Commission  
PRJ-1053621: 301 Spruce Street**

Uptown Planners formally requests that the Planning Commission postpone its public hearing on the appeals of the 301 Spruce Street project (PRJ-1053621). The currently scheduled date for that hearing, September 28, is just two days away. However, Uptown Planners needs time to understand, analyze, and respond to the 373-page staff report that only just became available for public review.

In addition, in order to develop its position regarding the staff's recommendation to "grant the Uptown Planners appeal in part," there must be review and consideration by the entire board of Uptown Planners. As you know, California's Ralph M. Brown Act requires that any such consultation by our board take place at a public meeting. However, the next meeting of Uptown Planners will be held on October 3. At that meeting, our board will need to decide who should review the technical and legal language of the staff report and how those individuals should work with the board.

We understand that the applicant may be eager to fast track final project approval, but the substantial concerns about the proposed project stated in our appeal (and in a second appeal by another organization), in addition to considerable community opposition, make it essential to allow appellants the time to assess all of the information that now has been provided and then to meet and deliberate as required by law.

Thank you for your consideration. I ask you to copy this letter to all of the members of Planning Commission, and I hope to hear back from you very soon.

Best regards,



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