



Dear Members and Friends,

Two historic buildings on 26-acres at [5441 International Boulevard](#) are being studied for demolition by GE, which formerly operated a transformer assembly plant there. GE is under orders to do remediation for toxics (PCBs mostly). The buildings are contributors to the 57th Ave. historic Area of Primary Importance. One has an extremely high rating (A1+, think City Hall or Municipal Auditorium), determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Comments on a draft environmental impact report are due by **March 27 at 4 pm.**

GE proposes to demolish everything, cap it with concrete, and leave a huge bare area along this important thoroughfare. We seek your help! Please send comments before March 27. We're providing a bullet list of possible points in a sample letter below.

[Link](#) to Planning Commission and Landmarks Board Agendas, Staff Reports, and Videos
www2.oaklandnet.com/government/o/PBN/OurOrganization/PlanningZoning/o/Commissions/index.1

[Link](#) to Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)
www2.oaklandnet.com/oakca1/groups/ceda/documents/report/oak062800.pdf

Thank you for everything you do!



Sincerely,

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Sample Letter:

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Dear Mr. Vollman,

I am commenting on the DEIR for 5441 International Boulevard.

- The historic buildings in the 57th Ave. API should be retained, remediated, and reused.
- The alternatives presented are insufficient. Please study and present potential reuses for the historic buildings and for the site as a whole.
- A 26-acre blank area should not be an option for International Boulevard.
- If the buildings are to be demolished, the mitigations are too weak. They should be strengthened, and monetary contributions spent in east Oakland, not all over town.
- GE is a huge company. They must remediate a site that they used and contaminated for decades, endangering the health of Oakland workers and residents.
- The project description is flawed because it does not include potential later uses for the site, including the energy facility mentioned in the DEIR, and unspecified developments mentioned by GE's representative at the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board.
- The environmentally superior alternative is incorrect. Though Variant A of the No Development Alternative may be cheaper, Variant B of the Preservation alternative is the Environmentally Superior one as it protects both resources for a longer period of time through seismic upgrades.

Please add me to the notification list for this project.

Thank you.

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