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San Mateo, Santa Clara and San Benito Counties

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**Via email to:** Ryan Kuchenig, Senior Planner, City of Redwood City

**Subject:** Redwood City's Sequoia Hotel revamp

Dear Mr. Kuchenig:

The Sustainable Land Use Committee of the Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club (SLU) advocates on developments and land use issues in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. We have reviewed the architectural design for the Redwood City's Sequoia Hotel revamp and are concerned with certain aspects of the proposed design.

We are concerned that the rendering of the historic building facade shows large areas of glass, which present large areas of reflective surfaces, near the sky, used extensively on the new addition.

This is deadly for bird safety and could result in many unnecessary bird deaths caused by flying into the reflective surface of the glass near the sky. If glazing is used, glazing should be "fritted" glass or include coverage with architectural screens or closely spaced mullions and muntins that are designed to warn birds not to attempt to fly through them. If the developers insist on glass, we suggest they use bird-safety treatment from the website (<https://abcbirds.org/glass-collisions/>)

There are many solutions to choose from discussed here: <https://abcbirds.org/glass-collisions/products-database/> and our recommendation for reflective glazed surfaces like this is to choose threat factor of **no more than 20**.

Respectfully yours,

Gita Dev, Co-Chair, Sustainable Land Use Committee

cc. Sustainable Land Use Committee, Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter (SCLP)  
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