

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

Mail Stop 4546

September 7, 2016

John Varian Chief Executive Officer XOMA Corporation 2910 Seventh Street Berkeley, California 94710

> Re: XOMA Corporation Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A Filed September 2, 2016 File No. 000-14710

Dear Mr. Varian:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Erin K. Jaskot, for

Suzanne Hayes Assistant Director Office of Healthcare and Insurance