November 23, 2010

Dear Members of the Planning Commission:

We are writing to you not only as employees of University Bank, but also as individuals who work in the City of Ann Arbor, some of whom also reside in this city. We are aware that the proposal to construct a parking lot on the east side of the Hoover Mansion (which houses University Bank) has been placed on hold. We are, however, hopeful that the Planning Commission will ultimately approve University Bank's request to construct a parking lot on the east side of the building.

The driveway which curves in front of the building has been suggested as an alternative to parking in the rear of the building. Some of us have been parking on the driveway recently, and have noticed an issue with reduced visibility due to the parked cars blocking our view. Visibility is further limited by the fact that the driveway curves. In particular, when there are vehicles parked along the driveway, it is difficult to see vehicles that are entering and exiting the bank's premises. Vehicles that are exiting the bank's existing parking area must move over to the left in order to pass parked vehicles, and this places the exiting vehicle directly in the path of vehicles which are entering the premises. We believe that parking on the driveway will increase the likelihood of collision.

Please recall also that the bank is a business, and delivery trucks — such as Federal Express, UPS, and Loomis — frequently visit our premises. These are good-sized trucks which require room for maneuvering. It is preferable to have a nice, wide driveway to safely pass these trucks. It would also be better if we had more free space in our existing parking area so that these trucks could have more room to back up in order to exit the premises.

Finally, parking on the driveway is just not aesthetically pleasing. This is an elegant building and cluttering the front with cars looks junky. Even though we need to bring our vehicles to work, we would at least like to place them in a less visible area so that the neighborhood looks nice and tidy to passers-by.

We thank you for your time and for considering our views, and we hope that you will take our comments into consideration.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned Employees at University Bank

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