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To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>
Subject: Design Review Consideration Braun Court

Dear Members of the Design Review Board,

We are deeply disappointed with the proposal to raise Braun Court and replace it with luxury condos. First, Braun Court was initially workforce housing. As you all know, workforce housing has received very little attention in new developments. There is an opportunity with Braun Court to renovate these buildings as workforce housing. I understand that renovating these properties may not be profitable. However, Wickfield Properties has made lots of money from its Ann Arbor portfolio. As a result, it would seem appropriate to ask Wickfield to renovate these properties, particularly, in our Bicentennial year, as a public service to the community.

In truth, building 35 residential units in no way guarantees that we will be adding 35 full time downtown residents to Ann Arbor. That's because these types of units could easily be bought by corporate interests or investors that would use these units as short term rentals for U of M football Saturdays, U of M graduations, or other Ann Arbor events.

But, our disappointment is not the primary reason why we are writing the Design Review Board. We have seen the Ryan Stanton article about this project at <https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2024/06/7-story-condo-development-proposed-to-replace-ann-arbors-braun-court.html>. The design in the article is pictured below.



As we are sure you will agree, it's impossible to see if the proposed design will complement the design of the nearby buildings without details such as color and materials. Therefore, We request that you postpone your consideration of the design of this building until a detailed version is produced and shared with the public.

Thanks for your consideration,

Jeff and Chris Crockett