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To: Planning

Subject: RE: D1 AND D2 ZONING

Planning Commissioners,

I and my fellow home owners on 4th Avenue request that you keep building heights down on Main Street behind our houses as much as possible, not exceeding D2 for the entire block from William to Packard.

When you look at overhead views and site maps, the impact of a large structure on the abutting homes is not evident. To demonstrate this, I shot a photo of the streetscape of Fourth Avenue looking toward Main.

The rooftops of the current homes form a varied skyline. Behind the houses, the Edison Building, at a height of around 30 feet, is unobtrusive (Fig.1)

Projecting a building at D2 height of 60 ft., the skyline is now a pretty flat border (Fig. 2). Going further to 120 ft., the view is all about the building looming behind the houses (Fig. 3). If you then go to 150 ft., the supposed compromise from D1, we've lost most of the sky (fig. 4). I didn't even bother with how horrific D1 (180 ft.) would have looked.

No one is going to want to live in houses with any building over D2 behind them. If this is allowed on any part of the block (now proposed for the section at the corner of William, it is our contention that the homes on that area of Fourth Ave will eventually succumb to destruction as unattractive properties, and that the remainder of the block will lose value, fall to rental only and eventually be developed as well.

To preserve the character of this block, with its older homes and historic church, we request that you restrict future building height on Main from William to Packard at no more than D2 height.

Thomas and Patricia Petiet

Owners

432 S. Fourth Ave.





60 ft.

130



120 ft.



60 ft.

150 ft.

120 ft.

60 ft.

