



Ann Arbor State Bank

The Personal Bank

September 10, 2013

Ms. Jill Thacker
C/O Ann Arbor Planning Department
301 East Huron Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Dear Ms. Thacker,

Ann Arbor State Bank is writing you in support of the project proposed by Joseph Barbet and David Ebner for the properties known as 210 to 216 South Fourth Avenue. The project involves the addition of several floors of housing to an existing 2 story retail/office building. The investors in this project will be adding quality housing in the Central Downtown Area while assisting in revitalizing a connector street that has been void of significant investment for many years.

The project will greatly improve the existing structure as it includes a complete remodel of the basement and existing 2 floors, as well as an improved façade on South Fourth. The building will remain appropriate in size and scope as compared to both its neighbors and the surrounding area. The project has been designed with the upper floors setback from South Fourth to keep the street from being over powered by the building. The project is significant but we believe will not create either a parking or street use burden.

The owners of the project have hired an excellent architect, J Bradley Moore, who understands how to incorporate the historical nature of the building while enhancing the building site's functionality. We believe the project will enhance our city, our downtown neighborhood, and assist in providing important additional housing opportunities.

Sincerely,

Peter F. Schork
President and CEO
Ann Arbor State Bank