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Dear Historic District Commission ,

I am writing this email in support of the proposed changes to the 212 S. Fourth building in downtown Ann Arbor. As a long time Ann Arbor resident and a neighbor (48 years and a home on Main street) I have always kept a close eye on the progress and changes being made in downtown Ann Arbor. I have always thought that the area on 4th Avenue between Washington and Liberty could be a more interesting part of downtown as well a potential driver of further economic activity. I know Ed Shaffran has done a good job with his buildings across the street from the 212 building but an upgrade to the 212 S. Fourth is needed from both the facade as well as the building as a whole. I think it would be a good addition to the neighborhood as well as help with the economic vitality of downtown A2. From a height standpoint I don't think it will be an issue either as many of the surrounding buildings are taller, it seems to be in good keeping of the area. I know we are as a city always looking for ways to get more people to live in the downtown area and the proposed plan will further help in that endeavor.

From my standpoint it seems the developers have tried to keep the historic character as part of the plan and I know they are keeping their plans within the Historic District and design guidelines of the city. This is my letter of support that the council should give this project a vote of yes to the proposed changes. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
Peter Savarino

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