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From: Planning
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2009 4:29 PM
To: Thacher, Jill; St. John, Jill
Subject: FW: City Place - No!

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From: Faye Bradbury [mailto:fab@umich.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2009 9:59 PM
To: Planning
Subject: City Place - No!

I am both angered and amazed that the city of Ann Arbor and the planning commission would entertain the idea of tearing down seven historic homes on South Fifth Avenue in order to build City Place. Having grown up in 1950's subdivisions, I was absolutely charmed by the houses in Ann Arbor, when I arrived here in 1993. These historic homes are irreplaceable and provide part of Ann Arbor's unique character. Why replace it with bland new construction?

Faye Bradbury
Concerned Ann Arbor resident

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From: Daryl Hafter [mailto:dhafter@emich.edu]
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2009 10:40 AM
To: Planning
Cc: Julie Casa
Subject: S. Fifth Ave

Dear City Planners, Some people I know have said that it doesn't matter if we express our opinions against the removal of the old houses on S. Fifth Avenue, because the city is determined to do this. But I still have confidence in our local government. That's why I am writing to beg you to refuse the desire of City Place to demolish these houses and put a new building in their place.

As many others have said, this stretch of Fifth Avenue is a tiny unique spot that helps to make Ann Arbor what it is, a pleasant place with mixed housing and the feel of graciousness. Surely there are other places where the building that City Place has in mind could be located. And by locating it say, on S. Main Street that would perhaps improve the look of some of the buildings there.

Not many cities in Michigan have such a perfect small area to show what the city used to be like. You would be expunging part of history by letting these S. Fifth Ave houses be ruined.

Please, City Planners and City Council , listen to your public!
Save those houses and encourage City Place to build elsewhere!

Sincerely yours,

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From: Rob Schweitzer [mailto:robs@umich.edu]
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2009 12:32 PM
To: Planning
Subject: City Place project

I would like to place my vote along with that of the Luczak's [letter in the AANews] against the City Place project. As a 30+ year resident of the city and an architectural historian it seems a very bad idea to remove what makes this town special, the old historic homes, and replace them with yet another new, oversized, bland piece of architecture that only adds to the developers profits. Ann Arbor does not need this development, it does need the character and quality spaces already in place on South Fifth with those lovely historic homes.

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