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Subject: Planning for West Side

Greetings,

The business district on the west side is one of the most valuable areas of Ann Arbor for city residents. On that stretch of Stadium and Maple residents can do necessary business in so many ways - buying groceries, getting expert hardware services, dry cleaning, car services, enjoying family-owned restaurants and other small businesses. Many of these businesses have been serving Ann Arbor for years and have relationships with their neighbors, their customers and each other. This is what makes a city work - and work well.

The proposal to change zoning to allow towering buildings to replace these small businesses will destroy the neighborhood feel that makes this area so appealing to customers. When developers swoop in, the costs go up and small business - with the dreams and creativity that were its inspiration - disappears. I do not favor the big box, chain mentality that would be the replacement to our local businesses. I do not want to see canyons of towers lining the streets in this area. This section is an area that works with the reality of resident needs - accommodating pedestrians, bikes and cars. Don't mess with it!

Thank you for your consideration,

Deb Sears