---Original Message----From: Eleanor R Linn 1 [mailto:elinn@umich.edu] Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2012 5:50 PM To: <u>bbona@a2gov.org</u>; <u>dgiannola@a2gov.org</u>; <u>eadenekan@a2gov.org</u>; <u>emahler@a2gov.org</u>; <u>ebriggs@a2gov.org</u>; <u>epratt@a2gov.org</u>; <u>kwestphal@a2gov.org</u>; Derezinski, Tony; <u>wwoods@a2gov.org</u> Cc: Planning; DiLeo, Alexis; <u>marc.gerstein@utoledo.edu</u> Subject: Rezoning 1320 South University

Dear Planning Commission Members,

We are writing to you concerning the petition to rezone 1320 South University from D2 to D1. We are very much against this petition and strongly support the staff report that recommends that it be denied.

We live at 1321 Forest Court, a single family residential property that abuts 1320 South University on the south. Our family has lived in this house since 1982, thirty years, which hardly describes us as transient, as the owners of 1320 South University describe the population of our neighborhood.

During the long and carefully considered A2D2 planning process, the City decided that residential properties would have a buffer zone of smaller buildings designated D2 between them and the denser D1 areas.

Our house has only one property that buffers it from the 14-story 601 Forest project, now under construction. If 1320 South University were to be rezoned as D1, we would have no buffer at all, violating one of the main principles of the A2D2 Plan.

The owners of 1320 South University have petitioned at least twice before to have their property rezoned D1. Their request has been carefully considered by the Planning Commission and by City Council and has been rejected. No changes have occurred in our neighborhood since their request was last denied. We see no reason for the owners? petition to be granted.

We urge each of you to support the recommendation of the Planning Department and to deny this petition.

Respectfully,

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