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To: Members of the Ann Arbor Historic District Commission and Jill Thacher, Historic Preservation Coordinator

As a property owner and resident of the Old Fourth Ward Historic District since its inception, I want to express my concern about the current proposal for a hotel that conforms neither to the standards of the Secretary of the Interior nor those of the Ann Arbor Historic District Design Guidelines for new buildings in an historic district.

Any construction on the site will require cleanup of the contamination from previous businesses. I do not understand the argument that a building that has been deemed inappropriate in many ways is necessary for contamination abatement.

If the argument is that this property is on the edge of the historic district, then one could logically erode the boundaries of the area one parcel at a time. It seems clear to those of us who have met with the developers that they see this property more in relation to the nearby University of Michigan campus than in relation to the residential structures in the Old Fourth Ward. That is not the way the residents view their neighborhood. I am sure there are University of Michigan units that would welcome and patronize a hotel and event venue near their facilities, but that should not come at the cost of constructing a non-conforming commercial structure within the historic residential district.

I have read Jeff Crockett's letter and he has spelled out the issues in clear and eloquent fashion. I will not restate the case he has made, but will add my endorsement to his well thought out position.

Sincerely,  
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