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From: Piotr Michalowski [mailto:piotrm@umich.edu]

Sent: Saturday, March 20, 2010 10:23 AM

To: CityClerk

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Dear Mr. Mayor and members of City Council:

I live one block from the proposed Moravian development and I urge you to oppose this project. There is good and bad development, but this one is both unnecessary and bad. There is a difference between the public good and private desire to make money, and in this case the two do not meet. The building is completely out of proportion to its surroundings, even if some of the reconstructions that have been shown underplay this fact. It contributes nothing that would justify a PUD: every single claim of exceptional contribution to the area is either faulty or is simply a factor required by code or regulation. If such criteria justify a PUD, then every single new construction would warrant one. One can disagree on aesthetics, on matters of density and the like, but please look at this carefully, as zoning changes require justification and in this case one is hard pressed to find any reason to grant a PUD. The loss, as opposed to gain, of affordable housing, the new pressure on parking needs, and the traffic problems etc. that this would bring are all minuses. The pluses are all general requirements or simply spin. I urge you to turn this down. I do not oppose any development in this location, but the Moravian is a looming disaster—the project has been presented with much shameful disinformation, including letters and petitions from friends and business associates of one of the participants in the project that reflect cronyism rather than public support.

Yours sincerely

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