

Whereas the Historic District Commission is charged with the responsibility of promoting, preserving, and protecting the historic districts in the City of Ann Arbor,

Whereas our guidelines recommend that new construction within a district be compatible with, but discernible from, surrounding buildings,

Whereas the viability of our historic districts is affected by changes on the edges of a district as well as within the district, and

Whereas the proposed development at 413 E. Huron is incompatible in scale and massing with the adjacent Old Fourth Ward Historic District and will severely and adversely impact the Old Fourth Ward Historic District.

We thereby remind the Planning Commission and City Council of our joint obligation to preserve and protect historic districts and recommend that they take all reasonable measures to ensure that this new development will enhance and improve the Old Fourth Ward Historic District rather than diminish or weaken the viability of this important district.

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