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To: Planning

Subject: Significant Problems with "The Varsity"

Dear Planning Commission members,

This is in regard to the plan to build a private dormitory on Washington and Huron Streets - called "The Varsity."

I practice psychoanalysis and psychiatry across Huron Street [505 East Huron] from this new structure which is about to be built, and have several concerns about the planning for this.

My major concern is that it takes away parking from the downtown area. By adding to the congestion near my office, the building of this dormitory will make parking very difficult for my patients who have regular appointments.

Other concerns have to do with the design of the building: I feel that, given the high level of traffic on Huron, there should be no entry for parking off of Huron, but parking entry should, instead, be off of Washington.

There should also be more of a setback off of Huron.

The net result of the existing plan is to make problems for patients trying to come to see me. As such, it interferes with my practice. It increases the traffic and decreases the available parking.

I appreciate your consideration of my comments.

Very truly yours,

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