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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 09, 2016 2:51 PM

**To:** pamela blevins- behjatnia

**Cc:** Thacher, Jill

**Subject:** Re: 223 East Ann #13 Balcony Addition

Hello Pamela,

Thank you sharing your thoughts on this application. I appreciate your input. I am copying Jill Thatcher so that your message will be shared with the rest of the commissioners. Having community members interested and engaged with the historic preservation process is a key to our success and reaffirms that our work represents the interests of the community. I will carefully review this application.

Thank you,

Ben Bushkuhl

On Tue, Feb 9, 2016 at 12:06 PM, pamela blevins- behjatnia <[pbehjatnia@yahoo.com](mailto:pbehjatnia@yahoo.com)> wrote:  
Mr. Bushkuhl,

I am writing to you to express my concern over the proposed balcony addition at 223 East Ann unit #13.

I am a tenant at 208 North 4th Avenue. I am the owner of Dogma and Catmantoo.

I have had the opportunity to view the renderings of the proposed balcony.

I would like to be very clear: I am not anti-development in Ann Arbor.

I am, however, anti-development in our designated and protected historic wards.

While I understand the owners desire for more space and outdoor space; I believe in the mission of our Historic District Commission.

While we need to move forward, we first need to preserve and maintain.

If the proposed balcony is allowed, not only is the balcony completely out of synch timewise with the building; it opens the floodgates for anyone else who wants to make modern add-ons which do nothing to promote the historic nature of the buildings and maintain the mission of Historic District Commission.

It will inevitably lead to the question: Why do have a Historic Ward?

Respectfully,

Pamela Blevins-Behjatnia