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Subject: Appeal # ZBA17-010 - 430 South Fourth Avenue

Thanks for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed two story addition to the rear of an existing duplex home at 430 S. Fourth Avenue. My family has lived in a historic Victorian house (445 S. Fourth Avenue) since 1991. This block is a nice mix of single family homes, houses with rentals, the Bethlehem United Church of Christ, Meulig's Funeral Home, and a doctor's office. If the proposed addition is in keeping with the historic nature of the home, I would be in favor. However, if the proposed addition is simply to provide more rental units, I strongly oppose. The rentals on the block are a mixed bag -- some work out fine, but others attract undergraduates who bring late night parties and drinking to the block. Because 430 S. Fourth Avenue is not currently in great repair having been used for large groups of students, it seems off time to invest in an addition. And, a similar project (on Packard between Fourth and Fifth Avenues) has been under construction for over 4 years! Only one or two units (of several in this now 3-story building) have been completed and are now occupied. As soon as the tenants moved in, the increased noise in the neighborhood from the third floor patio/porch in the back of the house has been immediate. If the balance of single family homes to undergraduate rentals tips any further, the quality and character of the neighborhood will be forever harmed. Although I'm not able to attend the public hearing, I hope this input will be considered.

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