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I am writing regard the property at 721 South Forest Avenue and the permit being sought to demolish the existing building and replace it with high rise housing.

I hope you are aware that the new owners sought lease renewals from current tenants and entered into lease agreements with new tenants for the 2023-24 school year. While I appreciate the owner's desire to turn a profit by demolishing the building and constructing a high rise that will bring higher rents, it is lacking good faith to enter into agreements with the intent of displacing those lease-holders should the government grant redevelopment approval.

The cost of higher education is exorbitant and the cost of housing in Ann Arbor only adds to the burden placed on students. To further disadvantage students by terminating leases should not be considered acceptable business practice in Ann Arbor. Furthermore, the ability of leasees to find simalarly priced alternatives at this late date is unrealistic.

If it is in the best interest of residents that this property be redeveloped, I hope such approval is contingent upon honoring not only current leases but ones for 2023-24 that were entered into in good faith by the leasees.

Thank you for your consideration.

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