

From: Marc Ross <mhross@umich.edu>
Subject: **601 Forest**
Date: August 3, 2008 11:31:15 AM GMT-04:00
To: lfoondle@a2gov.org, gnystuen@umich.edu, noagourney@gmail.com

to the Mayor and City Council of Ann Arbor

This letter concerns the proposed building at 601 Forest, and S. University. I am generally in favor of urban development in Ann Arbor, having enjoyed living in Manhattan (central New York City) as a 4-year college student; but as a transportation safety specialist I find the 601 Forest proposal poor:

- The density is too high for Ann Arbor.
- The space for public transport, bicycling and walking next to and near the building is too small. And wide sidewalks will be needed for class change hours.
- The "top 10% of higher income students" will be especially demanding of access and services. They will need to wait temporarily in cars next to the building. They will use delivery services heavily. Passengers will need to get in and out of cars at the building.
- Driving and walking in Ann Arbor are relatively safe because there are well-marked turn lanes in many congested places. They are needed next to the building.
- The space for moving cars in and out of parking at 601 Forest, is too small.

I suggest the proposers rethink the concept. What is the need for such a huge building? What is the need in Ann Arbor for a project with such minimal spatial access per unit?

Marc Ross (emeritus prof. of physics)

Dept. of Physics, 2477 Randall Lab., 450 Church St
Ann Arbor Michigan 48109-1040
Personal phone (Marc Ross): 734 764-4459
Department phone: 734 764-4437; Fax 763-9694
mhross@umich.edu

2008 AUG -6 PM 4: 22
CITY OF ANN ARBOR
CITY CLERK
REC'D