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To: Thacher, Jill; Planning
Subject: 715-717 E. Huron

Dear members of the Planning Commission:

As you might recall, at a working session of the Planning Commission, Ray Detter and I supported the plan of the current owner of 715-717 E. Huron to convert these properties to residential. These buildings are within the boundaries of the Old Fourth Ward Historic District (OFW) which is zoned primarily R4C. The OFW supports historic preservation in Ann Arbor, especially the jurisdiction of the Historic District Commission over the ultimate outcome of actual material structures.

Even though 715-717 E. Huron are located in a D2 area, the structures themselves are historically designated and protected under the Historic District Ordinance. The buildings are in good condition and are likely to be improved by the owner in their conversion to residential. It is likely that these houses will remain at this location barring any unforeseen event. The two houses are not going anywhere, therefore they should be allowed to be converted to much needed housing.

The Old Fourth Ward supports the petitioner in this conversion of to residential. This change will contribute to the residential and historic character of our neighborhood, and helps to enhance and preserve historic buildings already protected by Ann Arbor's Historic District Ordinance.

Respectfully, Christine Crockett, President, Old Fourth Ward Association