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I am a resident of North 4th Avenue between Beakes and Summit.

I find Lisa Disch's statement that height limits for our neighborhood are "likely to be as low as 4 stories and probably not higher than 6 stories" to be misleading. Like many of my neighbors, I am trying to reconcile 1) the arguable proposition that Ann Arbor must grow and the even more arguable proposition that decisions about how should be made with as little regard to special circumstances as possible; with 2) the threats these arguments pose to the high-functioning, aesthetically pleasing, historically significant neighborhood I see around me every day.

We are persuaded that new construction, if well designed and intelligently placed on our hilly and uneven terrain, can complement neighborhood architecture. As James Chaffers's drawings dramatically illustrate, however, a SIX story building would be completely out of scale with already existing housing stock. To imply that we will barely notice the difference between 4 and 6 stories is disingenuous.

Our neighborhood is already close to an ideal density for a near-downtown neighborhood. The City's density goals can be met by ADUs and other design strategies without using height as a proxy for density.

Yours truly,

Cindy Pomerleau