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Brett and Alexis,

Good afternoon. I wanted you to know that UM officials met yesterday with representatives from the LV Collective regarding their proposed high-rise development on Church Street directly abutting UM's Towsley Children's House. This was the first formal meeting with LV Collective and UM staff (AEC/Planning/Gov Relations). Previously the developer was discussing the project with the director of the Towsley Children's House (TCH) which was inappropriate.

During the course of the virtual meeting we made clear the following concerns UM had with their large scale project:

1. Our first priority is the safety and security of the children in our care and the TCH staff throughout site preparation, construction and future operation of the high-rise building. TCH has been in operation for over 35 years (est 2008) and has successfully managed this child care facility for thousands of children over that time period.

2. UM does not agree with Collective LV's statement within their June 15, 2023 "Proposed PUD Development Program" document which responds to the directive: The use proposed shall not have a detrimental effect on public utilities or surrounding properties. The LV Collectives response: *"There are no detrimental effects on existing public utilities and no detrimental effects on immediate surrounding properties."*

This is of course, not the case. The 3-5 years construction process alone will result in the outdoor play area being virtually unusable due to safety, noise and air quality concerns. The development of this project, particularly the height and scale, puts the long term viability of TCH at risk.

3. AEC officials stated their concerns with the three feet (3'-0") setback from our privacy fence surrounding the play area and the nearest wall for the parking garage. The proposed construction of the footings and walls jeopardize the privacy fence and the landmark tree inside our property.

4. We informed the development team that UM will not grant aerial easements or allow any crane overhangs at any stage of construction over the outdoor play area specifically and the child care property in general.

We talked about future discussions however no meetings were scheduled during yesterday's conversation. Please contact me with any questions.

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