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Hello Sue Gott and Mike Rein,

It was a pleasure seeing you on Thursday night.

Regarding the proposed facility, it seems the University of Michigan has lost some control over the messaging. However, as one elected official astutely noted, the zoning established by township officials ultimately determines what is built. The U of M proposal is likely more advantageous than most "by-right" options currently available.

Regarding pedestrian safety, I am preparing an extensive list of high-risk areas including instances of non-compliance with the **Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD)** for state officials. While City staff and elected officials have expressed dissatisfaction with my advocacy and legal actions, there appears to be a fundamental misunderstanding regarding their obligation to follow basic engineering standards including the MMUTCD.

Despite spending millions on "innovative" infrastructure and underfunding operational oversight and crosswalk lighting, Ann Arbor's fatal and serious injury pedestrian crash rate has not declined; in fact, it remains at a 10-year high according to [CrashesinAnnArbor.org](#).

Given the urgency of these hazards, I want to highlight two specific areas adversely impacting the UM Community:

- **Zina Pitcher & Catherine:** Lieutenant Garry Forts with the UM Police Department filed an [A2 Fix It ticket](#) reporting the lack of illumination at this corner on September 14, 2022, nearly three and a half years ago. Despite many additional requests documented in the ticket, the area remains dark, and City staff closed the ticket earlier this month without resolution or meaningful update.
- **Maiden Lane at Broadway:** Community members, including U of M staff and students, are forced to walk in a busy street because the public right-of-way is not being maintained. This persists even though most of the area has a hard surface (cement/asphalt) and the property owner desires a sidewalk. According to the most recent [A2 Fix It ticket](#), City staff do not plan to act until 2029. An interim solution could be achieved simply by keeping the right-of-way clear of parked vehicles, snow, and ice.

As a UM alumnus and engaged volunteer, I am deeply concerned that families sending their children to the UM must encounter a substandard environment that poses such high risks.

Please collaborate with city officials to prioritize the lighting at Catherine and Zina Pitcher and a safe passage for pedestrians at Maiden Lane and Broadway. I will share a more

comprehensive analysis of pedestrian safety in the Ann Arbor area this spring.

I continue to dedicate myself to advancing pedestrian safety in any way that could benefit UM and the greater Ann Arbor community.

All the best,

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