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To: [City Council](#); [DDA](#)
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Hon. Ann Arbor City Council and DDA Leadership:

The Ark has been a vital heart of Downtown Ann Arbor for many years, and seems to drive much of the evening business activity there. As members, we want to feel confident that its future will not be threatened by heedless and inattentive private contractors during development of the **Kline Lot**. It's vital that any specific needs and requirements be included NOW in the purchase agreement, as a contractual requirement for future development. Please do whatever you can to protect this internationally-recognized cultural resource and reason for spending money downtown. Work with the **Ark leadership** to ensure;

Public parking on Ashley Street: Maintain adjacent public street parking along Ashley for oversized tour buses and school buses during and post-construction **Maintain Access to Main St. businesses:** Maintain current sidewalks, alleys, utility and service access, public and private entrances during and post-construction. **Access to Alley:** Continuous access to the alley for delivery vehicles during and post-construction. Best Regards,
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