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Dear Ann Arbor City Planning Commission,

I am a long time vendor at the Ann Arbor Farmers Market, and have learned of the upcoming construction of a housing facility to be constructed on Detroit St. to the east of the market and next door to Detroit St. Filling Station. The construction phase of this project could be very detrimental to the market, a city jewel, and adjacent businesses. Parking is limited and appears to be reduced even more with this project. Noise, dust and construction activities could greatly interfere with these existing businesses. Many businesses in the city were lost as a result of the pandemic, we don't need another interference to follow.

If the City sees fit to approve this project, the least that they can do is to add construction restrictions to the approval. These should include using 5th St. to stage the construction, and limiting dusty activities and noisy activities from interfering with the market on Wednesdays and Saturdays and at times when the neighboring restaurant is busy at mealtimes.

While this might be an approved use of property in this area, it should not be developed at the sacrifice of existing businesses. All of these small businesses provide necessary services for a residential community. Every measure to preserve them should be enforced throughout the development process. These small businesses cannot survive through two years of turmoil on their front doorstep. Stage the construction on the 5th St side and place restrictions on the construction process to be fair to those who are already located next door and across the street.

Thank you for your consideration.

Karlene Goetz, Vendor