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My wife and I, both UM grads and formerly supportive of much of what Ann Arbor tries to do, share an increasing level of disappointment in the city and its decisions.

As the city and U of M slowly suck the soul out of the campus area, it is now moving to the west. Stop.

Unique establishments which we view as part of what makes Ann Arbor special, are being uprooted and replaced with tall buildings. South University is a big city wannabe. Add to that the incredible spaghetti of lane markings and purposes, and we now avoid the city when given the option. (We live in Chelsea now). Much of what is being built are "market price" apartments and with some incredibly being termed "affordable housing". Please think twice before continuing this destruction and replacing businesses such as Live, the Last Word, and others at First and Huron. As I said earlier, *stop*.

Respectfully,
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