

Subject: Woodbury Project

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Dear Mr. Lennart, Planning Commission, and City Council Members

My name is Katherine (Kit) Fuller, and I am a lifelong resident at 1403 Iroquois Pl. My parents bought this house in 1959, and my family has owned the residence since then. I remember playing in the former Matthei Gardens, and I remember being concerned when Woodbury was built, as at the time it was a large development on what was close to the edge of town. I now appreciate it as a place where families, single folks and students can live in a neighborhood with lots of green space and friendly neighbors. I walk through it multiple times per week.

I am writing to support the many concerns you have received from my neighbors on Iroquois and the surrounding area regarding this huge change to Woodbury. There is nothing in the area that matches that height, and it will significantly change the area around us. On 3 sides of Woodbury, there are single family homes. Installing a 7-story high building will be a strong contrast to the neighborhood, and bring a high level of traffic to areas full of children and pets, older folks, walkers and bikers.

I am concerned because I understand that many of the apartment units like this are bought by folks as a second home in order to attend UM events, especially football.

I am alarmed that anyone would consider adding such a large development without including affordable (or even semi-affordable) housing. We do NOT need more high end apartments. We need more HOMES for families, young couples, and older folks that provide a safe and welcoming atmosphere for daily life.

I am concerned by the general movement towards building bigger and fancier units without an equal stress on improving the infrastructure. I welcome new neighbors, but I believe that we need to back up and develop a general plan that supports appropriate development with the needed utilities, transit, and services. For instance, there is no full grocery store within walking distance anymore. Our street regularly floods. These are 2 examples of the challenges that already exist and must be addressed before we add more density.

You have received many letters about this, just from our Iroquois community. I urge the Commission to recommend a scaled-back, 3-to-4 story alternative that aligns with the "Missing Middle" principles we need for a truly inclusive Ann Arbor. This allows us to welcome new neighbors without setting a 7-story precedent for the remaining 41 acres.

Sincerely,

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