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Dear City Planning Commission,

I'm writing because I've heard about and reviewed the existing plans for 1208 South University.

Although I don't currently live or work in the area anymore, I still wanted to write with concerns about the regional and national impact these plans would have.

This establishment has been an integral part to many people who grew up in Ann Arbor. It embodies the unique, fun, and quirky charm that the city once thrived off of. I used to take the city bus downtown after highschool and always ended up making a pit stop to Pinball Pete's before heading home. Once I was older and bartending at Pizza House down the street, I would head over to play on the Mrs PacMan machine to destress during the crazy football season shifts. This establishment brings so much joy and memories to the residents of Ann Arbor and to all the former townies when they go back to visit. I also believe that the interest of the local people should receive more consideration when it comes to city council decisions and that a better balance should be struck when serving other stakeholders such as the University of Michigan. This was a major factor in my decision to move out of state from the place I grew up. Locals need to feel prioritized too and this would serve as an excellent example that the city is willing to do that.

I really hope that you'll reconsider your plans to demolish this location and, in the case where you don't, I hope the people and local government of Ann Arbor realize that these plans impact stakeholders far outside the city limits.

Thanks for reading my comments,

Loralye Johnson