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**Subject:** 415 W Washington

Dear Historic District Commissioners,

I am writing to express my concern with the 415 W Washington St. proposed PUD re-zoning. I call your attention to some details:

- 1) P. 12 is labeled a view to the East, but is actually a view to the West, repeating a prior page. The missing view in the sketch is important as a contextual assessment of the proposed project.
- 2) The sketch on p. 18, the rooftop amenity shows the roof deck to be below the chimney that is to be preserved for use by the chimney swifts. Has the city or the HDC consulted with a qualified ornithologist on the design? Having people on the rooftop just below the chimney could be detrimental to the birds, and would affect their contribution to the historic character and ecological services provided by the chimney swifts. The birds catch and eat thousands of mosquitos and other insects per day.
- 3) I am concerned that the proposal adds residences in the flood fringe. The city will be experiencing more frequent and intense weather events in coming years. We should not place anyone, regardless of their income status, in a risky area to live.

Please consider these issues, and that the building is out of scale for the historic aspects of the area.

Thank you ,

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