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Subject: Do not allow 721 Forest to be upzoned via a PUD for an unnecessary high rise

Dear representatives,

I am a concerned neighbor in North Burns Park writing to encourage the city not to grant the zoning variance for the high rise at 721 Forest. There is absolutely no reason the neighbors should have to put up with a high rise there amongst 2-3 storey buildings. Our zoning was made for a reason and that is to protect the neighborhood and those who live there--not to make money for developers.

As you know, the owner's name is 723 S Forest LLC, which is actually Prime Student Housing, which is actually Jim Sotiroff, who owns a number of buildings in the neighborhood. We had a zoning issue with him over 1320 South University, which he also wanted to rezone and build something bigger. The zoning board did not allow it.

I have no problem with the current outdated building being replaced with an appropriate height building within current zoning code, but not a high rise.

If the current building is demolished, the new building should contain some affordable housing, not luxury student housing. This is just another example of an unnecessary "luxury" development catering to wealthy students that does nothing for Ann Arbor residents or would-be residents who can't afford to live where they work. It has been disheartening to watch this type of development transform Ann Arbor over the last decade unchecked. South University is now a canyon. So is South Main. Liberty and Washington are getting there.

Permanent Ann Arbor residents still live right near 721 Forest and their neighborhood and homes should be respected.

Thank you,

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