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To: Planning

Subject: Apartment building proposed for E. Huron and Division

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the building currently proposed for 413 E. Huron. Although I generally favor the idea of downtown density, this building is ugly, too big for its site (which should be downzoned), and is a threat to the Historic District comprising the lovely homes and buildings directly north of it. I understand that it will actually prevent the beautiful home directly north of it from receiving noon sunlight for 11 months of the year.

It's possible that's legal, but it strikes me as wrong.

We only get one chance to develop this property, and it needs to be done right. I fear this looming hulk, if built, would be a reproach to Ann Arbor planners for decades to come. I'm not a NIMBY (I don't live near this site) or a reflexive opponent of large buildings, but this one feels very wrong to me, and I hope you will not approve the site plan, but instead insist on a building whose scale and design fits with the best buildings in downtown Ann Arbor.

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