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Subject: Ground mounted solar panel in front yard at 2815 Brockman Blvd

Mayor of Ann Arbor, City Council and The
Ann Arbor Planning Commission :

There is a proposal for a ground-mounted solar collector in the front yard of 2815 Brockman. The dimensions are : 44 feet long, 9 feet wide (396 square feet, larger than many garages), nearly 9 feet high. There are no zoning ordinances for ground-mounted solar collectors in residential neighborhoods at this time.

This issue was first brought to the attention of City Council, the Planning Commission, and the Energy Commission in early December. Hank Vanderploeg and John Godfrey expressed the views of the neighbors at meetings of the Council and both commissions.

The Council members and commissioner agreed that front-yard installations were not appropriate in residential neighborhoods.

This installation will create a city-wide precedent and open the door for similar projects in residential front yards.

The Planning Commission is in the process of preparing recommendations to the Council for changes in zoning to prohibit solar installations from anywhere in the front yard.

I urge you not to approve this ground mounted solar array and to put ordinances in place that do not permit ground-mounted solar structures in front yards. Ann Arbor is a beautiful community and while it is commendable to move towards more sustainable energy sources, doing so in a way that creates an eyesore in our neighborhoods will not encourage others to adopt this green technology moving forward.

Here is a photo of the structure that would be in their front yard, directly in all of our neighbors' line of sight and all passersby on our lovely street:

Done 2815 Brockman solar installati...

ing by Unirac (cut sheet attached)
 in portrait mode (see pic below for example)
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 4' wide by max height 8' 11"
 erty lines: 25' front, 5' side
 er homeowner plan (attached)



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