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Subject: Lowertown Development

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am writing to express concern with the proposed development in the Lowertown area of Ann Arbor. I have viewed the renderings of the buildings, the street plan, and attended a public meeting in January 2017. I am concerned with the scale of the proposal, and the proximity to Traver Creek, a major tributary of the Huron River. I understand that the developer is asking for a planned project status, which requires design that provides a significant community benefit.

I ask that you address the issues of:

-Scale with respect to neighboring housing; the project is significantly greater in height from surrounding buildings, -Adequacy of infrastructure to address the large number of individuals whose use of water and sewage services will greatly increase the use of existing underground services, -Potential for harmful runoff to Traver Creek; will the project contain its runoff? Is it within the floodway or floodplain of either Traver Creek or the Huron River?

-Use of brownfield funds: How will the project remediate the existing pollution, and the risks of ongoing pollution?

-Energy efficiency and renewable energy: Please require maximums, so that the buildings will contribute the least amount possible of greenhouse gases, and use renewable energy to the greatest extent.

In your decision making, please make clear to the public what benefits will accrue to our common use of resources, and whether the proposed building will improve or impair these common resources.

I ask also that your decision making not be rushed by developer requests, and that you make careful decisions that will support our community. Your decisions will set a process in motion. Please help to support a good outcome.

Sincerely,

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