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Hi, Ellen. I'm sorry, but I can't attend the meeting tonight. I will paste my statement below if you'd like to read it aloud tonight? Of course, I also introduced myself but I didn't put that here.... I'm sorry I can't make it! Please let me know how else I can assist..... Thank you!!

Ellen

Years ago, the City determined that the neighboring areas surrounding this proposed development are public assets--that they contribute economically, aesthetically, historically--and that they should be protected and preserved. The city also wisely adopted design guidelines much more recently so that new development would be compatible with and respectful to its surroundings.

This proposal ignores all of this--it ignores the fact that the city deems these nearby neighborhoods important and worth preserving and protecting, and it ignores the design guidelines that were adopted. I wonder why the city can't require this developer to redesign this project to be more context-sensitive and to adhere to the design guidelines, as other developers have done? This project as proposed will severely and negatively impact the quality of life in the nearby neighborhoods and it should be redesigned to adhere to the city's policy documents. We can achieve a higher density while still having architecture that respects its neighbors.

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