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Dear Planning People,

Please approve this wonderful project! Doug Selby and his contractor, Volta Homes, have come up with the real deal, the kind of development that we keep hearing about as the goal of future Ann Arbor, but that seems so hard to achieve.

I have been following Doug's planning process for several years, and attended a couple of his presentations.

This is the kind of infill development that we need here in the City. It is energy sustainable, it is built to the scale of the surrounding neighborhood yet manages to significantly increase housing units. It has excellent design, combining historic and modern in one building. It has accommodations for bicycles so people can hop on the nearby dedicated bike lanes throughout downtown and campus. The landscaping will all be native plants, to help the pollinators and other creatures with whom we share our urban surroundings.

This is the best, most well thought out development I have seen in our neighborhood. Please help it move forward.

Respectfully,

Julie Ritter

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That is fundamentally the only courage which is demanded of us: to be brave in the face of the strangest, most singular and most inexplicable things that can befall us. - Rilke