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Hello,

I am a University of Michigan student and a current resident of South 4th Avenue in the block that is proposed to be torn down for a new luxury apartment building. I wanted to voice some concerns I had about the project before your next meeting about the proposal.

Though I will probably no longer be a resident of my current apartment when construction begins, I would be very disappointed to see this building be torn down, as well as the ~25 other houses and apartments on the block. I believe that the construction of yet another unaffordable luxury apartment building in the downtown Ann Arbor area is a bad idea.

As a college student, I have had trouble finding semi-affordable housing to live in during the school year in the past, and my current apartment on South 4th Avenue has been a great place to live. Those who call this block a home, as well as those who may potentially come after, will be displaced and forced to find a new place to live.

I understand that the housing companies who own the buildings on the block will likely be reimbursed, but I also understand that there's a good chance of them raising the prices for the tenants of their other nearby properties.

I will not pretend that the properties currently on this block are the nicest buildings ever, but they are historic, comfortable, and homely. The proposed apartment building will of course be nice to live in, but it will not be affordable for many of the University's students.

I also am concerned about the number of parking spaces proposed for the property. These will not only encourage the influx of more cars, increasing the city's carbon output, but they will also drive the price of the apartments higher.

Overall, I think the construction of a new luxury apartment building would be harmful for the Ann Arbor community and for University of Michigan students.

Thank you,
Trevor Siwajek