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To: HDC Members  
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Our major concern with the proposed 415 Project is the massive scale and height of the building. Seventy feet high is a very large building, and does not “fit in with the existing adjacent buildings”, the goal stated in the recent mailing for the Online Residential Participation Meeting. The actual size of the proposed building is disguised by the terrain, as the buildings along Liberty are located on a hill, and the proposed 415 building sits in a valley (actually a flood plain). By comparison The Mark is a three story building about 30 feet high, and the Y building is also three stories high, so the proposed height of 415 is over twice the height of these buildings. While the attachments from Smith Group show many variations based on number of units, ranging from 104 to 160, oddly the height seems to remain constant. If a 70 foot high building were erected, all will be unpleasantly surprised. We urge the HDC to reduce the scale to blend with the area. As a bit of history, we note that the original design of the The Mark Condo called for eight units. Ann Arbor Builders told us the HDC asked for a reduction to seven units, as the eight units was too large for the site.

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