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## Dear Commissioners:

I live and work immediately adjacent to the block of the proposed housing project for 30 years. I operate retail, restaurant and fitness businesses on the adjoining block.

In reviewing the design submittal, I find it attractive and a building that will add to this vibrant East side of our Capitol Square. The neighborhood has become more desired and noticed in the recent 5-10 years, but there is still an urgent need for more density to support adjoining businesses. The noted city staff desire to have neighborhood services retail and vital job options and opportunities requires substantial added densities.

This project is appropriate and will build on momentum and efforts of so many who live here and choose to work here.

The enormous economic stresses of the current pandemic accentuate the obvious, that we need to continue to focus energy and resources and quality projects here in this area or we actually risk losing that progress all together.

Please support this quality project.

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