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**To:** Martin, Al

**Cc:** Rummel, Marsha

**Subject:** Iota Court project a bad idea (UDC)

Al,

Please share the following letter with the Urban Design commissioners. I have shared a similar letter with the Plan Commission.

Thank you.

Joe

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Dec. 10, 2012

RE: Iota Court Proposal

Dear Plan Commissioners:

I strongly oppose the Iota Court project. Taking down three attractive turn-of-the-last century buildings in the heart of a National Register district and replacing them with one massive building will erode the integrity of the district. In fact, it would bring into question the relevance and future viability of the district.

These three stately buildings would appear to be solid, restorable, and quite worthy of retention. Demolishing them would not only be wasteful, but short-sighted and bad public policy.

As a city with a strong sense of place and a formidable history, if we can't protect our National Register Historic Districts, then what do we really value?

We deserve better and we can do better. This is the wrong project, in the wrong place at the wrong time.

I urge you to vote it down. Thank you.

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