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Subject: Ideal Property Redevelopment

To all whom it may concern,

I have been a resident of the Village CoHousing at Mills and Mound Streets for almost 13 years, and am in the Greenbush Neighborhood Organization. I am expressing my opposition to the proposed design of the Ideal property redevelopment on Drake Street.

I have watched this neighborhood struggle to become a better place to raise families in the midst of very old student housing, and students. Most of the homes are small and especially around Drake and that surrounding area, the homes are on the small side. I object to the intrusion of the proposed building west on Drake from Park Street. A reasonable structure on Park is fine and we need better looking and viable businesses on Park Street. **But to intrude on a small home neighborhood is like a bully moving in on the block.** The proposed building is out of scale , and so many more apartments will inundate the neighborhood with people who have no investment in the neighborhood itself.

I feel that 5 stories is excessive, extremely so as the building extends into the neighborhood, and **unless** the building is very well designed similar to the Sequoia Library, The Depot, and Arbco, even a 4 story building will badly affect its surroundings. The character of the Greenbush Neighborhood is at risk with this development, and I strongly oppose this current design.

Respectfully Submitted,

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