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To: Parks, Timothy

Subject: Share with the Urban Design Commission meeting tonight regarding the Ideal Project on Park/Drake

Dear Mr. Parks,

My husband and I (retired couple 68 & 70) have lived at 1002 Emerald Street for 14 years and are within a block and a half from the new proposed multi purpose building to be erected on the corner of Park and Drake streets. Our neighborhood is encroached upon by two very large hospitals and multiple student housing units which already challenge the relatively peaceful and quiet quality of living we enjoy. Realizing the importance of revitalizing the Park Street Corridor, we are not in opposition to the the new building. However, the height of proposed structure - 5 stories - is of concern. Instead of fitting and blending in, the building will loom above and disrupt the look and feel of the existing homes and businesses. Keeping the height to **4 stories** will eliminate not only the esthetic problem but equally or more importantly the higher population density, increased traffic flow etc. The new medical building soon to be erected very close to our neighborhood on the former Bancroft Dairy property will be only **4 stories**. The Bayfield neighborhood residents had many of our same concerns and were heard. Please hear us as well and keep your building to **4 stories**.

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Respectfully,
Barbara and Michael

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