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Subject: 704-736 University Ave

To whom it may concern:

After discussions with Gary Brown and the University I would like to note my support of the demolition permit for 704-736 University Avenue.

The five buildings proposed for demolition are along an active stretch of University Avenue across from University Square. These parcels will soon be home to the Music Performance Facility, which will be an excellent expansion for the University similar to the Chazen.

The buildings are currently vacant and three are in a severely dilapidated state. These buildings were constructed between 1899 and 1926, and have served the campus area well. However, currently these old storefronts appear blighted, pose a significant safety risk inside, and negatively impacts the aesthetics of a major entrance into the University.

Although I recognize approving a demolition permit for green space is against the recent precedent, the University already owns the property to build the Music Performance Facility and now in the fundraising process. The green space will provide University residents and guests with a recreational area without the associated safety risks. Also, the green space will be a significant improvement to the aesthetics of the Chazen and other buildings in the area.

I will not be able to attend tonight's Plan Commission meeting; however, please feel free to express my support to members of the Commission. Let me know if you have any questions.

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