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To: Ellingson, Susan
Subject: Ideal Body concern - light pollution from glass stair tower

Hi Sue,

I met you last Wednesday night at the Ideal proposal meeting. Teddy introduced me to you right as we were walking in. I live at 506 West Shore Drive.

We'll see you this evening at La Hacienda, and we plan to mention this to you then, but I thought I'd just get it in writing too.

I raised this concern at last week's meeting, but want to raise it again, as I don't think I conveyed my concern very effectively to the developers:
I am concerned about the 5+ story glass staircase tower and the amount of light pollution it will cause at night. The back of our house looks right out onto where this tower is proposed, and my fear is that there will be a 5+ story column of light at night. Some examples of such staircases are at St. Mary's, and I think at Capital Lakes, which is very bright up near the capitol.

I would like the developers to seriously consider making an effort to minimize the light pollution from this stair tower.

--the main point would be to design the stair tower so it is not all-glass. An all-glass structure cannot help but spill significant amount of light outside the building at night. So, I would like to see the stairs designed in such a way to minimize the glass.

--lighting the stairs in such a way as to keep the lighting inside. If the stairs remain as all-glass, I think you can only do so much to prevent light pollution.

--I understand that they are proposing glass to break up the size/look of the building architecturally. I suggest looking into ways to do that that do not add to light pollution.

--I think their idea of a dimly glowing beacon at the top of the stair tower is kind of cool, and am not opposed to that. I am just opposed to the needless light pollution that an all glass stair tower that is 5 stories high would cause.

Thank you,
Jamie Warren