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To: Members of the Urban Design Commission

From: Sara Eskrich, District 13 Alder

RE: 1109 South Park Street

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Thank you in advance for your thorough review of the Jade Garden proposal before you this evening. As you know, this project has garnered much attention from this Commission, neighbors, and city staff. I want to thank the development team and the neighborhood leaders for their deep and responsive work.

The main concern I have heard regarding this project is mainly within the purview of the Plan Commission-height.

With regard to UDC's design review, the following are particular design and design-related elements that I believe warrant further attention:

- Transition—the project abuts single-family homes and could use more recommendations for landscaping the break between the homes and new development with year-round (as much as possible) landscaping.
- Size—though I generally support density on Park Street, the transition to the neighborhood is extremely important. The townhome elements of this project are a strong attribute and incorporation of neighborhood input. I would welcome your advice on how to further step-back the fourth story or eliminate it entirely to minimize and mitigate effects on the abutting homes and neighborhood on this side of Park Street.

Thank you again for your thorough review of this project. I look forward to continuing to work together. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions, as I apologize I will not be able to join you in-person tonight.