

Dear Ms. Glaeser:

As a resident and owner of 141 South Franklin Street (Germania Condominiums) I am concerned about the size and extent of the proposed McGrath development. While, I appreciate any efforts to improve the services and economic contributions potential development of the property can provide, I am concerned that as currently proposed, the development will negatively impact the residents' quality of life and enjoyment of our current properties. The mass and density of the proposed building would crowd and shade our back porches and eliminate the row of trees that serve as a buffer between our properties and the current parking lot. I personally enjoy a quiet evening on my porch listening to birds and people watching folks coming to the Essen Haas and Come Back In. It is my belief that the impacts of a six story building with direct view into the parking structure for this building would negatively affect the value of our properties well into the future. The proposal for a truck route adjacent to the south end of our condominiums would also negatively impact the residential quality of South Franklin Street. South Franklin Street is a quiet, one-way street with little through traffic. Placing a truck entrance on South Franklin Street would increase noise, air pollution and traffic. Again, negatively impacting our quiet neighborhood in a significant way.

I am not sure I feel comfortable speaking at the public meeting, but would like to reserve the right to do so, should I feel brave enough. I come from a small town with a "Town Meeting" type government. Please advise on how I should proceed to make my concerns known to appropriate parties.

Regards,
Sharon C. Long
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