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Dear Landmarks Commission and Alder Rummel:

I am writing to express concern about the development proposal on the 800 block of Williamson Street. I both live on Williamson Street and own properties that in all, have been here more than 300 years. We take care with our buildings, and try to take care of our tenants (who luckily are doing fine despite the challenges of 2020 so far), and place great value in living in an Historic District where our neighbors do the same.

The property in question on the 800 block seems a good opportunity for new homes or businesses, but should follow the guidelines we spent years developing so that height, scale, and spacing fits the neighborhood. We already have had exceptions, and as a result lost one of our oldest buildings (also on the 800 block) and have some odd, overize architecture that with hindsight, could have been better designed just up the street. The latter statement includes some of my opinion, which matters much less than the rules and plans we have designed.

I'm simply asking that others follow the same rules that I do, and that the commission focus on big picture changes like this rather than small things like paint color, which is temporary as these new plans are permanent.

Thanks for your consideration and the work you do -

Sincerely,
Dr. Carolyn Freiwald