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Dear Zoning Commissioners,

I ask this be included in the public record for ZC Case Number 23-02 and to sign me up to testify virtually to elaborate on my opposition comments below.

I am opposed to this rezoning application because it will allow the construction of a downtown-sized building that will be vastly unaffordable to most working-class families and residents making the living wage or less. There must be no luxury housing on public land.

Second, rezoning will precipitate a project that will displace the existing first responders affecting emergency response time to a large circle of the community in Ward One and Two. This impact remains unstudied and it would be unethical to rezone this site without knowing the implications of the rezoning on emergency response time.

As I understand, no one pushing this application has actually come door-to-door to discuss with the surrounding neighbors their proposal and the long term impacts this rezoning will imminently have on our community. That is patently unfair and unethical.

MU10 is an unprecedented rezoning for this area and its effect remains under evaluated and uninformed.

I am opposed to this rezoning application and ask that you ask OP to go back to the drawing board and actually work with the community to build a collaborative plan and resubmit their application to replace the one now before you.

Thank you,  
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