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To: Maria Morelli

Cc: Tom Schlatter

Subject: concerns regarding proposed development at Harvard and Thorndike Streets

Dear Ms. Morelli,

My husband Tom (copied here) and I live at 121 Thorndike with our children. We are concerned about the recent proposals for development in our neighborhood. There are too many proposed, and they are all too large for the scale of the surrounding buildings. We can not get from Thorndike St. on to or across Harvard Street easily now, at all times of the day due to traffic. Cars do not stop at the crosswalks on Harvard Street, and we are concerned for the safety of our children being able to enjoy their otherwise walkable neighborhood.

I've summarized my thoughts below on what the proposed development for the Shan-a-Punjab site at Harvard and Thorndike could do to provide more benefit and less negative impact to the neighborhood:

- reconsider the Thorndike-facing ground floor design. The proposed design is vastly out of character with other buildings at that end of Thorndike. Any development at that end of Thorndike needs to better integrate with the Victorian and post-Victorian style and character of the abutting buildings (houses).

- move the parking entrance from Thorndike to Harvard. Getting from Thorndike on to and across Harvard is difficult now. This development would increase traffic on Thorndike, where there are many young children, and would exacerbate the existing problem of going from Thorndike to Harvard and across Harvard.

- incorporate a green roof - a roof with plantings to help manage the increase in heat that would result from the large, flat roof proposed.

- the proposed development should consider a 3 story building rather than a 4 story building to address the character and traffic concerns above. Reducing the scale of the proposed development will help mitigate these issues.

We ask that you please forward these concerns to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

Tania Schlatter