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Subject: EA 20-158166 DA – SW Park Apartments
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Dear Ms. Paglia,

As a recent resident of SW Cardinell Way (7+ years), and a historic preservationist with a strong bias for preserving neighborhoods, I would like to provide some input on the SW Park Apartments being proposed for SW Park and Clifton and being reviewed at a Zoom hearing on August 6, 2020.

I will provide my concerns telegraph style:

* A building of the height proposed is wholly inappropriate for this neighborhood - trying to justify it by referencing tall buildings on the PSU campus to the north is disingenuous, to say the least. The scale is all wrong. Some of the adjacent houses are over 100 years old and this tower will not make a good neighbor.

* A building with this many units with or without an on-site parking requirement is going to create a traffic and parking nightmare. With the Park Ave overpass across being the only access road, the PSU campus park blocks will be overburdened with people accessing this monstrosity. Ubers and Lyfts and their ilk will clog the streets, and tenants with cars but no place to park them on site will be a nuisance to the wider neighborhood.

* The geology of the site - the foot of the West Hills - would, I think, make it wholly inappropriate for this tower. The footings will disturb the entire area, most likely with terrible consequences at some point.

* Homes to the west of the tower but on the eastern slope of the West Hills will suffer a tremendous loss of light.

* The population density that will result if this tower is built will not be conducive to a pleasant neighborhood. Zookeepers know you can only crowd the animals so much, and then peacefulness crumbles and the creatures are at each others throats.

* The alleged need for this tower - presumably catering primarily to PSU students - is not established. PSU's enrollment may well have reached an historic peak, as the lessons of the covid-19 epidemic lead to more distance rather than on-site learning, and people begin to rethink going massively into debt for degrees that don't pay off.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns. I would like my input to become part of the record and will continue to follow this project with much interest.

Best Regards,

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