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I am writing to strongly object to the proposed reconfiguration of the South Park Blocks. The current design with its historic roots provides a place for calm in the busy central core.

I have spent over thirty years working to preserve the city's historic American Elms. The city was once a valued partner in that effort. In recent years, the City Forrester has abandoned those efforts in favor of more diversity and native plantings. While those goals are generally the right decision, I feel that it is also important to honor the landscape plans in parks and historic neighborhoods.

I urge you to reject this plan to transform this tranquil space into a more active milieu.

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