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Cc: Murphy, Michael (Alderman); Bauman, Robert; jperez@aol.com; Stamper II, Russell
Subject: Re: Re 2604 - 2644 Hackett new apartment building application

Thank you for sharing this with our office. We are also sharing it with DCD and District 3.

~Marina

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On Sep 9, 2022, at 5:20 PM, jamesefretty@aol.com wrote:

Dear Aldermen --

This regards the subject apartment application. I believe there are only two issues, in respect of the neighborhood.

PARKING: Parking is presently often an issue in the neighborhood. The new apartment building will exacerbate that issue. However, it is already the case, for the most part, street parking is filled for that that block of Hackett. That is, the additional street parking demands that will be created by the new building will be met by parking on adjacent or nearby streets. I live on Park Place, one and one-half blocks from the new building location. Our street, already often experiencing limited street parking, I expect to often experience completely filled street parking as a result of the new building.

Nevertheless, I have a primary concern that the Downer Avenue shops (two to three blocks away) continue to recover from their somewhat perilous state of several years ago. I emphatically favor a **Yes** vote on the new building because it will have a significant positive effect for the Downer Street merchants.

AESTHETICS: Those objecting to the new building application cite aesthetic reasons. Is this a joke? That Hackett block is presently developed by apartment buildings, The Church of the City, St. Mark's church and Cafe Hollander. And immediately across the street from St. Mark's is a large parking structure (also housing an Associated Bank office). Altogether, hardly a bucolic neighborhood.

Thanks for your consideration,

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