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Subject: Comments on 5 N. Colonial SUP

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Hello All,

We own and live at 18 N. Arthur Ashe Boulevard, the rear of which directly faces the rear of 5 N. Colonial. We would like to submit this feedback as to the potential SUP for that property that was recently brought to our attention.

While we do feel the building as it stands today could use considerable updating, we strongly feel that the plan for the new structure is egregiously incongruent with the historic nature of this neighborhood. Specifically, the proposed height of the building, especially given the proposed rooftop deck, will greatly impact our and our neighbors' privacy, natural light exposure, and general view of our surrounding neighborhood. Additionally, the proposed design for the new structure is an alarmingly modern design, given the current nature and personality of this neighborhood. This is the type of design that we would find, for example, in Short Pump, but certainly not in the Museum District of Richmond.

In summation, we feel the proposed design is too tall, too expansive, and too modern. As currently planned, it will stick out like a sore thumb in our beautiful modest and historic neighborhood.

Please let us know if we can provide any further feedback or information.

Best regards,
Celeste Walker & Rawley Pieratt
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