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Subject: 3600 Grove Ave.

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I am a city resident and live on the 3100 block of Grove Ave. I understand that the property at 3600 Grove Ave. is very valuable to developers and that something will be built there very soon. Our city councilman, Andreas Addison, is often extolling the virtues of adding more residents/businesses to the neighborhood to increase tax revenue to fund future and important projects.

I also appreciate thoughtful and careful planning to improve the lives of our residents and maintain Richmond's place as a beautiful and historic place to live. That said, the seemingly unfettered and high-density construction that has been omnipresent in neighborhoods like Scott's Addition and Manchester do not seem like an appropriate fit for the Museum District area. There has not been much effort made to save open space for the pedestrians and maintain a neighborly atmosphere. The proposed design is clearly an effort on the developer's part to maximize profits. It looks like a tick that is about to burst, if I may.

I hope that you will consider a more fitting design that would allow a set-back from the sidewalk and room for mature, healthy trees. We only get one chance in a generation to make a positive difference in our architecture and I hope that you will consider this as you decide what to do at 3600 Grove Ave.

Sincerely,

Eric Brakman