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I reside in the River Market at 309 Delaware Street in my condominium, #504.

I urge the Neighborhood Planning and Development Committee to vote NO on the proposed “rezoning of an area of about 0.98 acres generally located at 400 Main Street” in agenda item 230198 to be discussed in today’s meeting. I also urge a NO vote on the development plan referenced in this agenda item.

The plan for building a 13 story "City Harvest" apartment building on the City Market parking lot next to Minsky's Pizza is seriously flawed and must be rejected. This development will negatively impact the quality of life in our historic neighborhood in multiple ways. First, we will lose public parking in our area where parking is already inadequate. This will have a major negative impact on River Market businesses, residents and customers. This ugly 13-story "skyscraper" towers over our historic, 5-story or lower buildings and will negatively impact the ambience of our lovely neighborhood. I also understand that the plan includes removing some of our beautiful old trees in the City Market Park. This will have a major negative impact on enjoyment of this park. Too many trees have already been removed from our neighborhood. Therefore, I STRONGLY OPPOSE this particular development plan.

Development is inevitable, but it needs to be part of a well thought-out, coordinated plan that benefits all businesses and residents in our historic neighborhood. The project submitted by Flaherty & Collins is not well thought-out. It certainly doesn’t benefit our neighborhood and it should be REJECTED.

Sincerely yours,

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