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I will be out of town on Monday so cannot attend the zoning board meeting and express my thoughts on this project.

I realize that we cannot "freeze Saratoga in time" however I am dismayed by the new trend to pack as many buildings as possible onto the available land. Zoning requirements were written for good reason - to make sure that Saratoga Springs doesn't lose the wonderful character that attracts people to our city. It seems that in case after case the wishes of current residents are disregarded and decisions made in favor of the developers.

I would like to see our city officials pay more attention to the residents of our fair city. It is not unheard of that a city or town overdoes a good thing and in the process damages the very area they think they are improving. Remember: Developers are in business to make money for themselves and do not always see things in the same way as the people who are impacted by their projects.

I am against disregarding the zoning laws for this project!

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