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Good morning.

I have several concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the Official Community Plan Bylaw and Zoning Bylaw respecting 509 12th St East.

As a 37-year resident at [REDACTED] 10th St East, I worry about the impact of this proposed change, and I do feel somewhat bullied by developers who want to take advantage of our river views at any cost to our beloved neighbourhood. My specific concerns are as follows:

1. Whereas residential development ensures street activity, the proposed commercial/office space development will be dead in the evenings and on the weekends. What assurance is there that the area will be secure during non-office hours? Recent increased vacancies on Broadway, (the old Extra Foods, for example) have resulted in the spread of graffiti and unsightly messes, which concern residents of the immediate area very much.
2. Many existing office and retail spaces on Broadway are currently vacant. What assurance is there that any new retail space will be occupied in a timely manner?
3. Will the City please consider implementing a lower maximum building height near the river, increasing maximum height as distance from the river increases? If not, why not? I understand the need for density, but this particular heritage location deserves to be protected from over-development.
4. The most recent information regarding number of visitor parking spots available in the proposed building suggests that this decision will be made after a zoning amendment passes. This timeline concerns those of us who have access only to on-street parking, as the shortage of parking in this neighbourhood is an ongoing issue.
5. There is a serious shortage of affordable housing in Old Nutana. This proposed amendment presents yet another obstacle to the development of homes in our residential neighbourhood.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose the proposed amendment.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns,

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