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Dear Council Members,

I support proposals for this site that retain and repurpose the existing building. "The greenest building is one that already exists." <https://www.architectsjournal.co.uk/news/opinion/the-greenest-building-is-the-one-that-already-exists>. If more space is needed, building over or beside the existing building is possible.

I also think it's important for us to retain, as much as possible, third spaces. From voting to community meetings to social interactions, we need spaces open for people to gather.

I hope you will prioritize proposals that would increase the number of small, affordable (and I mean AFFORDABLE), apartments. I understand a pocket neighborhood may be considered, but really, a more efficient and climate-friendly use of the space, I think, would be a two or three story apartment building (similar to the one at 16th & King) with small efficiency and 1 br apartments.

If I were rich enough, I would propose a new small apartment building built around and above the existing building, retaining that space as a multi-use shop/coffee/meeting place. But, I'm not, so the best I can do is express my ideas and urge you to choose an option that will not require demolishing this building.

Thank you.

Cathy

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