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Members of the Neighborhood Planning and Development committee,

I would like to thank you for hearing the concerns of the residents and property owners in the City Market neighborhood. I have been a property owner in the River Market since 2009. My wife and I stumbled by accident into the area while visiting KC prior to eventually moving down here from Michigan. Immediately we were taken by the charm of this important and historic neighborhood and knew that we absolutely had to be down here.

The City Harvest building as planned will be the tallest building by more than double in the area and will absolutely ruin the character and vibe of the Market area and what attracts people to want to live down here versus moving downtown where other high rises have been executed quite successfully. When 531 Grand went in, it was the tallest building (still half the height of the Harvest building!) and just looks like a rubber stamp suburban apartment complex, not fitting at all with the architectural styles of the surrounding area.

I do not want the River Market area to become an extension of downtown and to bury property owners in shadows of behemoth apartment buildings. Please reconsider approval of this project.

Thank you,

Matthew Booth, HOA president, Bridgeworks Lofts