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Subject: 9th and New Hampshire development

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to vehemently object to public financing for the proposed plans for 9th & New Hampshire.

Public financing for a chain hotel that will create temporary construction jobs and low-wage, part-time service jobs is not something that I feel the city should use public financing subsidies for.

There are already millions of public financing dollars that went into the Oread Hotel, so creating competition for that hotel, one that the public was also forced to supplement with tax dollars, I feel is a bizarre form of economic development that our city should NOT put out the welcome mat for.

Also picking & choosing hotels for public financing is the exact opposite of a “free market”. If you truly believe in a “free market”, then that means a level playing field for all businesses. Picking favorites by using public subsidies for one or two businesses is not fair to other businesses expected to pay their own way.

If a business plan cannot succeed without public financing, then perhaps another business plan needs to be developed. Corporate welfare as a way to guarantee profit for the developer is simply bad public policy!

I also believe that we should be asking more of our developers, architects and community -- we can do better: more interesting, more vital and more useful structures with real vision that will still be valued decades down the road. Where is our vision?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Anne Tangeman