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To the Historic Resources Commission RE: ELNA Position on HUB Project

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To the Historic Resources Commission,

The majority of the Board of the East Lawrence Neighborhood is asking that the HRC deny the HUB Project. This Project does not follow our Downtown Guidelines.

This massive project is too close to residences within our neighborhood boundaries and it will have a negative impact on those residences. This project will also have a negative impact on downtown and the surrounding historic structures. This will also greatly impact our downtown culture that we have invested so much into as a City. Cultural impact is an important factor that is often not reflected in today's planning concepts. It should be.

Parking is also a significant concern. That is an issue that is on the City to reform before the next massive bedroom development downtown. The Courthouse parking lot will become a nightmare as will all parking within 2-3 blocks of this development, including blocks within our neighborhood boundaries.

The City is also embarking on a new master plan for how downtown transitions into the neighborhoods. Allowing this building at this time would seriously limit the impact that the findings from this task force will recommend.

Thank you for your consideration, Phil Collison The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

