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Dr. Marshall J. Truehill, Jr. Chairman
New Orleans City Planning Commission
300 Perdido Street, Suite 9W
New Orleans, LA 70112-2123

Dear Chairman Truehill:

The Touro Bouligny Association Board met recently and discussed the Short Street Condominiums Project. The Board voted unanimously to register a position in strong opposition to this project.

The Board joins with the other uptown residential associations in opposing the proposed request for a "spot zoning" variance and respectfully urge that it be denied.

We are firmly committed to the preservation of all our historical and unique neighborhoods and staunchly resist and resent projects such as the Short Street Condos that are so grossly out of scale, design, and period architectural characteristics with all other surrounding neighborhood structures. This kind of encroachment into these uptown neighborhoods will destroy historical neighborhood continuity and values.

Regards,

James Smoak, President
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