

To: Chicago Plan Commission  
121 N. LaSalle Street  
Chicago, IL 60602

RE: 160 N. Elizabeth Street

Dear Commissioners,

I write this letter in support of the proposal for 160 N. Elizabeth Street.

I find myself amazed and excited regarding the westward progression of visual density and the Chicago skyline. Not many people thought ten-years ago this area would be considered an extension of downtown and yet that's what it's become.

That being said, looking at the aerial diagrams in the presentation, I notice a bulkiness and heft to this project and other proposals in the WL. It would be nice to get better profiled and more slender structures. I'm not looking for a reduction in density, but air and light circulation are critical along with not creating visual plateaus. Taller and thinner structures with the same FAR can accomplish this.

The architecture of the proposal isn't bad. There's an attempt to break the massing with glazing changes.

One thing that slightly concerns me is the base. The brick comes off as flat, though it could be the rendering. Perhaps the architect can look at adding a smattering of dark colored bricks to add visual contrast. While the current structures on-site aren't landmark worthy, they have character and a charm with limestone accents.

While I praise the density, the unit makeup is quite skewed. Only two 3-bedroom units? That's not a family friendly number. Five or six don't seem unreasonable out of 375 units.

I'd love to see projects of this scale along the Green Line from west side to south side.

Good Luck to all.

Sincerely,

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