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To Zab, I strongly oppose the project. It is far too high at 8 stories. The buildings immediately south of Virginia St. are 3-4 stories. This North Shattuck neighborhood has repeatedly made it clear that we do not want tall buildings in our area.

Most of the 110 units will not be affordable to the people who need housing the most. The 18 units set aside for low or moderate income people will not stay affordable for very long, unless specific language is written in to any agreement, as vacancy decontrol will soon see them at market rate.

Furthermore, this is a highly toxic site that has remained vacant for about 25 years because remediation will be so complicated. Remediation will lead to hundreds of truckloads of highly toxic dirt being hauled through our neighborhood.

In my view, and in the view of many of my neighbors, the highest and best use of this property would be as a public parking lot of which there is great need on North Shattuck. We don't need 8 story highrises.

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