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Message:

To Unit 4 School District and Board,

Reviewing the P+W/IGW documents, the veritable sea of asphalt parking lots surrounding Central HS is striking: how does it serve the Champaign community to do this to the central district of the city, especially considering the demolition of historic buildings in order to achieve an out-dated design/urbanistic model? We should be encouraging sustainable design that enhances the health of the neighborhood and Champaign residents: students and faculty biking or walking to school, or using public transport; multistory parking for those who live further away, built in a manner that makes smart use of space. Lastly, this would allow the district to preserve the Burnham Mansion, a historic structure that could be remodeled for use by the high school or as district offices, or – at the very least – sold to help finance other aspects of school building and maintenance.

Think twenty-first century, not 1970s, please!

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