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Please do not grant the request to change the zoning from 3 stories to 5. This is not just about neighborhood impact on sunlight, traffic, parking, or trash. This is about a place so unique and special that it is one of only 10 unobstructed views of the Rocky Mountains from our city that has been mandated as a protected view by city ordinance 10-60.5. State Home Park ranks among Cramner, Chessman, Ruby hill, Washington, Southmoor, and City park as the most breathtaking views in the city. The State Capitol views and those of the old City Hall are on the list. Last, but certainly not least, is Coors Field. Its views broadcast nationwide to show the entire country what is best about our state. That's it. Just those ten.

Rosedale is the smallest of all the Denver neighborhoods. But there is great beauty here. Harvard Gulch or State home Park has the last remaining structure of the State Home for Dependent Children. The landmark Field House, it is now the Denver County Extension office. The protected view plane also contains Vassar School Bungalows Historic District, S.R. De Boer Historic District, the spectacular Rosedale School designed by Jacques Benedict. Its final piece is the stunning Sister Cities' Kunming park. Just one small block in size, it is the gathering place for quite reflective views of the sun as it sets behind the mountain range that stretches from Pikes Peak to Estes Park.

I am pro-growth and pro-business, but when city planners thought about the very essence of what makes our City Beautiful and created regulations to keep it that way, I think we should tread with extreme caution. South Broadway is an amazing stretch of fun and funky, beautiful, delicious, and successful businesses. I support wholeheartedly the revitalization as it continues from the heart of the city to its southern edge. But this is a request that once done will not be undone. The careful protection of the city planners of the past will be ripped away and our city will become indistinguishable from any other in the midwest.

This is not just a zone change request. It is a request to disregard our history.

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