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Subject: Rezoning Plan for Downer Avenue commercial district

City of Milwaukee File #060705 and #060575 Dear Mayor Barrett, I have been a citizen of Milwaukee and resident of the Downer Avenue neighborhood since 1981. I and my husband have raised four children here, all graduates of Milwaukee Public Schools. I work for MPS and am an advocate for living in the city. I believe we need to maintain strong and vibrant communities within the city which continue to be attractive and wholesome places for current residents and inviting and hospitable to newcomers.

The Downer Aveue commercial district is an integral hub of small businesses which provide our eastside community with all the services one needs for daily living as well as an array of interesting eateries and other establishments for entertainment. Furthermore, it plays an important role in bringing residents together. The Downer Avenue commercial district is the place where old neighbors and friends often run into one another and re-connect.

I adamantly oppose the current plans of General Planned Development and request that the full General Planned Development(GPD) Downer Avenue Master Plan rezoning proposal submitted by New Land Enterprises be put on hold until input from the merchants, the community and the Historic Preservation Commission is considered. I think the plan is shortsighted in its lack of greenspace and will alter the rich archetectural and historic ambiance of our neighborhood.

Furthermore, I am in agreement with the merchants on Downer Avenue who oppose the city's sale of the parcel at 2574 N. Downer Avenue to New Land Enterprises or any other developer. As a city taxpayer and resident of this area, I encourage you not to allow this sale to go forward.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,
Mary Harrison