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Subject: Rivianna Vote 7/11/07

7/7/07

Common Council President Hines and Common Council Members,

Marine Terminal Lofts Condominium Association, comprised of 83 units occupied by over 140+ constituents and a member of the Milwaukee River Residents Group consisting of as many as 800 voters on both sides of the river asks that you **vote NO** to the ZND recommendation that will allow rezoning of 236 S Water Street for the proposed monstrosity called Rivianna. The concerns of Marine Terminal Lofts owners, other Historic Third Ward condominium owners and our neighbors in the Fifth Ward have **NOT** been addressed. The proposed 160', 3 tower condominium and hotel project with 3 stories of parking, built along the riverfront is inappropriate and out of character with current architecture along the river. This rezoning to allow this project to go forward is being recommended for all the wrong reasons, most of which are political.

Further, irresponsible zoning changes, combined with no vision or planning, will discourage individuals from investing in residential real estate in the city. The ZND scoffed at us for bringing up concerns about real estate values, but that is a real issue that will significantly affect further development. Why would anybody invest their hard earned money in a condominium complex if they can have no assurance about what will be built next door, across the street or across the river? If there is no predictability for development on the empty lots nearby, buyers and investors will be wary. We all know what that will mean for our property value.

This Rivianna project will adversely and permanently change the character of the Fifth Ward now and for generations to come as well as have a negative effect on the future of the city's Historic Third Ward.

We ask that you each vote **NO** to the ZND recommendation to rezone 236 S Water Street at the Common Council Meeting on July 11th.

Thank you,
Marine Terminal Lofts Condominium Association
Members of the Milwaukee River Residents Group

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