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3-25-02 NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES  
841 N. BROADWAY  
MILW WI. 53202

Douglas Quigley  
1110 S. 1st St.  
Milw. WI 53204

Dear Pandora Bender,

I am writing to you in regards to the application for a rooming house permit for 902 S. 3rd St. I've written your department in the past concerning this and other rooming houses on S. 3rd St. and other parts of Walkers Point. The original purpose for so many homes being turned into rooming houses was the bleak job opportunities for the vast numbers of suddenly unemployed men during the great depression. The need continued during the rental freezes at the time of WW1. Our neighborhood, now more than half a century later, has an over abundance of these rooming houses left, more out of habit than necessity. While other older urban areas of Milwaukee are seeing an increase in owner-occupied homes, our neighborhood has a higher density of rooming houses than is healthy for positive revitalization efforts. I ran a rooming house for 5 years so I know first hand the problems with this high density, transitory lifestyle. Even though I lived on the premises, there were times when police needed to be called to settle disputes. I firmly object to issuing a permit for the 902 address. There is not a need for 20 rooming houses in such a condensed area. Please consider the future health of our neighborhood.

Thank You,  
Sincerely,

*Douglas Quigley*  
(414) 647-1773

*Ronald D. Leonard*  
March 26, 2002  
EX. April 17, 2005

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