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For the file, please.

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Subject: RE: Forest Home Library

Honorable Common Council Members:

I am writing to express my support for the preservation of Forest Home Library. This place is personally special to me, as it was my neighborhood library growing up on the South Side. In those pre-internet days, I spent many days conducting research for grade school and high school projects at the library. I also recall regular visits to check out and return books for pleasure reading at home. I know that hundreds of others born in the 1950's and 1960's (who are now in their 50's and 60's!) were also frequent visitors to Forest Home Library.

In addition to my personal nostalgia for this place, I find it interesting to think about buildings such as these, which were built during my lifetime, but now seem to be outdated and disposable to many people. Preservation shouldn't just be about structures that are 100 or more years old—nothing built in the 1950's and 1960's will ever make it to that point if we keep taking them down now. While today Forest Home Library may seem to be dysfunctional for any current possible use, remember that people thought the same thing about places like the Plankinton mansion on Wisconsin Avenue, the Northwestern Railroad train station at the lakefront and other gems, which were lost forever in the 1960's and 1970's, when they were less than 100 years old. Thankfully other 50-80 year old buildings at that time, such as the wonderful Pabst mansion, were spared from the wrecking ball because of the efforts of visionaries who recognized their true value. Please be one of those visionaries today by saving Forest Home Library.

Thank you for your service to the City of Milwaukee and your time in this matter.



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