



THE Inter-Organization Council OF BAY VIEW INCORPORATED

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April 17, 2014

To: Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

Re: Dover Street School Property Usage

The Inter-Organization Council of Bay View, Inc. was chartered in 1940 with the objective to promote the civic welfare of our community and to consider and act upon subjects of both public or local interest. As such, after receiving comments from our associates and the community in general, this Council has done a review of the proposed use of the Dover Street School property.

It is this Council's understanding that the property is being considered for construction of one or more buildings containing approximately 80 to 110 1- and 2-bedroom units, and that a change to the current zoning for that neighborhood would be required. This would be clearly contrary to the character of the neighborhood -- which is currently undergoing a resurgence. It is conceivable that a plan such as this could affect property values for many blocks in the adjacent area simply because of its density and type. Most of the homes in that area are occupied by families -- families that shop in the area, pay taxes, help to keep the neighborhood a good place to live, and maintain their property well -- keeping the tax base stable. A plan such as this could be a destabilizing factor.

It is the Inter-Organization Council's combined position, as unanimously expressed by our membership during our April 2014 meeting, that we strongly object to a plan of this nature. This Council urges all Common Council members to reject this plan and the rezoning that would be necessary to achieve it, and that a more suitable plan be put forth for consideration.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Donald Solazo
President
Inter-Organization Council of Bay View, Inc.