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Subject: Do Not Rezone Downer Avenue! - Files #060705 and #060575

Re: City of Milwaukee File #060705 and #060575

Dear Officials:

Please, do not sell the city land at 2574 N. Downer.
Do NOT rezone the Downer Ave. commercial district to a General Planned Development.

For decades, I've patronized Downer Avenue for banking, shopping, lectures (at the book store), restaurants, and movies, and have passed through it on my way to UWM. Adding up all the time I've waited for buses, I've spent many hours at Belleview & Downer, admiring the view of the outdoor tables (in summer), the church (with pumpkins on its lawn in fall), and the trees and houses beyond the intersection. Each season of the year presents a different view.

Any changes that would subtract open space or add density would ruin this picture. Don't take away the few parking lots or open spaces that there are along Downer Ave. Don't add a building to Belleview & Downer. It would cast a shadow over the church and the houses. Let's not cancel the charm of this area. Charm isn't a frill; it's good for business and good for property values. Speaking of nearby Webster & Stowell, an 11-story building does not belong in a two-story neighborhood. Let's keep things at human scale.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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