

City Plan Commission
Attention: Al Franitza
809 West Broadway
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Al Franitza and Commission Members,

I am writing as the Chairman of the Woodlands II Block Watch and represent the residents of the 576 units within the Woodlands Condominium complex. We strongly oppose the owner's request to rezone the facilities at 9100-9112 West Brown Deer Road, from Neighborhood Serving Business, to allow the continued occupancy of the Adult Book Store, Video Sophisticate, Adult Movies And More, at the 9110 address.

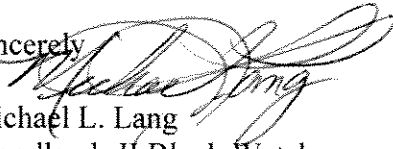
I have been living in this community for 32 years and feel that the business does not reflect the image that our neighborhood would like to portray. This is a family community consisting of both owner occupied and rental units. I have seen this area at it's best and it's worst and with the help of the Block Watch members, we are somewhere in between.

Within the community area is a grade school, a church based school and a head start program. The latter is just across the street from the bookstore. Just a block from our western boundary is a large apartment complex and just east is a YMCA. As you can see, there are many children in the area and I feel the type of people that may frequent the store pose a risk to these children.

The Adult Video Store is a nuisance property and an eyesore in the community. The physical appearance of the facility in general is poor at best with multi colored paint, graffiti, trash and newspaper on the windows. It is a hang out place and the police have been called many times. The fact that the bookstore is there illegally should speak volumes about the owner of the property. Therefore I do not feel that a rezoning should be granted.

We are committed to the betterment of this community. The store has been a long time trouble spot for violence, gang activity and is an eyesore. I ask you to take the stance of the residents and business owners in this community and not support the rezoning of the property.

Sincerely,



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