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Subject: No Slaughterhouse in Milwaukee! - Please cancel Tuesday's Common Council vote
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Dear Mayor, Common Council members, and representatives,

My residential information:

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I am not able to attend Tuesday's meeting due to work but want to express that I am **incredibly opposed** to this potential slaughterhouse as well as how the Common Council is trying to push this through so quickly without input from Milwaukee residents. I would rather see this grant money directed toward a small startup tech developer or something else that will better the lives of all residents and make our community a desirable place to live....not one to leave. As a current resident of the Northwest side (since 2013), I would consider leaving this area of Milwaukee should this development occur and I'm serious. I work remotely from home. My husband and I have combined salaries that total to over \$145,000, and we invest in the local city economy and always endeavor to support local in MKE first by putting our money into small businesses in the area.

Not long ago Milwaukee closed a slaughterhouse <http://archive.jsonline.com/business/cargill-to-close-milwaukee-facility-cut-600-jobs-b99321342z1-269257671.html/>

We don't need another one.

According to the Milwaukee Business Journal, a \$4.5 million Milwaukee grant has been approved for Strauss Brands to move its headquarters from Franklin to Century City Business Park near 31st Street and West Capitol Drive. The facility would slaughter 500 cows every day starting in 2021. The Strauss Brand was recently sold to a private equity firm with majority ownership and is based in Texas.

“Slaughterhouses create many detrimental consequences and immediate impacts on neighborhoods, particularly disadvantaged ones,” says activist Amy Zignego. “Pollution and stench arise, vulnerable workers are exposed to brutality which can lead to post traumatic stress disorder, violence increases in the surrounding areas and impacts property values.”

Members of Slaughter Free Milwaukee and DxE have been having conversations with concerned residents, most of whom were not even aware of this slaughter facility to open in their own neighborhood. I am disturbed that I only heard about this

development on Thursday of last week without sufficient public notice.

Slaughterhouse work is among the most exploitative, dangerous and relatively low paid work in the market. Century City would be better served by **any other business**, including incubators to support small, local businesses which better serve residents in the long run. In addition, the damaging effects on the environment must be taken into consideration for home and business owners who ultimately would be burdened with them.

Many cities, including Chicago, are moving away from having slaughterhouses within city limits for a variety of reasons such as zoning and health code violations as well as concerns for the community's overall well-being. According to Robert Grillo, founder of Slaughter Free Chicago, "Slaughterhouse jobs are the worst jobs the city could possibly bring to the city. Slaughterhouses are bad for animals, workers, communities, and the planet."

Please consider our concerns.

Respectfully,

Melissa Davey Castillo