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I am in favor of the zoning change No. 250496, designating the Avenues West area as a Historic District. I have lived in my home for over forty years and remember the disastrous purge made by Marquette and the "Campus Circle" Project which for the most part demolished any building built before 1960.

I own one of the seven surviving George Schley/Louis Wilke homes on Wells and up 25th Street. These homes are now 118 years old and when built were upper management type homes complete with the fifth bedroom on the third floor for a live-in housekeeper. Other features included: over 30 windows with 6 of them being stained glass, Oak floors throughout except for bedrooms, kitchen and bath where they transitioned to Maple, several finished rooms in the basement for laundry, summer kitchen and summer dining, tiled entryway, pocket doors between the living room and dining room, double French beveled glass doors leading into the living room and many more upper end embellishments.

When one travels to other cities one can't help but notice the positive effect historic designation brings to a neighborhood mainly individual single-family home ownership. The housing stock in our neighborhood is of very high quality but deteriorating all too quickly.

I urge you to make this zoning change for the good of my neighborhood and for the good of the city that I love.

Best Wishes,
Dennis Jon Wolfgang