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Thanks, Connor! I appreciate your willingness to share your support. We have diverse opinions on this proposal and really want to make sure all voices are heard either way before people have to vote on it. Sharing with DCD so they have your perspective as a nearby resident.



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From: Connor Henke <cnhenke@gmail.com>
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To: Dimitrijevic, Marina <Marina@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: Austin Commons

Good morning,

I was unable to attend the most recent meeting on Austin commons but would like to make sure that voices in favor of the proposal are heard.

I live on the 2400 block of South Austin and was at the previous meeting. I'm in favor of new housing wherever we can find it, and I think this proposal to replace unused properties is great. A development of this size feels reasonable for the plots available especially given the proximity to a few major bus lines.

I personally do not see much issue with traffic in this area, nor do I think the size of this development warrants much concern. I do think an independent traffic study is valuable, but as with any step in a process like this, I'd trust that the city has knowledgeable employees that would be able to decide if that is necessary.

Parking concerns from what I have seen are similar. Another community member had brought up that they'd not be able to use our streets effectively for their private business if more cars were to be parked on that block. There's already a no parking area on that block, and many driveways that would exclude street parking as well. If they need to preserve access for their business, I don't think we should limit new housing to accomplish that.

Concerns about the time to pay off the TIF are reasonable, though shortsighted and frankly selfish. Were we able to get more housing built otherwise in recent years we wouldn't have to explore options like this to try to catch up. The second best time to plant a tree is now.

Affordable housing is a great way to provide a vital resource in a more accessible way, so I'd love to see this proposal continue forward.

Thank you,
Connor Henke