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Dear Mayor Barrett and Milwaukee Common Council members,

I am asking you all to not move forward with the Strauss Slaughterhouse in Century City. A Slaughterhouse possibly the most egregious type of business to bring into a residential area.

I have spoken to many residents and they seem oblivious to this. I understand you want to approve and move this quickly, but that will be a grave mistake for the residents and for the city of Milwaukee. There has been no public notification and looks like this deal is being "fast-tracked". Hundreds of local residents have expressed their opposition. Milwaukee needs too move forward with 21st century jobs. Bringing a slaughterhouse back is moving this city backwards. If you recollect, in the past, we have moved slaughterhouses away from the Milwaukee and other nearby areas such as Walkers Point because of the negative consequences of land usage among other things.

Here are some facts about Slaughterhouses

1. Local crime rates go up, especially violent crimes, wherever and whenever slaughterhouses open, according to professor of criminology Amy Fitzgerald who discovered a direct link between slaughterhouses and violent crime.
2. Higher rates of PTSD, substance abuse and domestic violence occur with slaughter house workers.
3. US meat workers are three times more likely to suffer serious injury than the average American worker. Amputations, fractured fingers, second-degree burns and head trauma are among these serious injuries, according to data seen by the Guardian and the Bureau of Investigative Journalism.
4. Blood and feces are plastered all over the walls posing a serious public safety and health threat by exposing workers and communities to food-borne illness outbreaks and increased rodent infestation problems.
5. There are negative environmental impacts including air and water pollution in the immediate neighborhood.

I understand you all may not have understood the impact of this. I ask you if you would have agreed to this Slaughterhouse being placed in your neighborhood or next to Fiserv Forum or near Whitefish Bay or other affluent neighborhoods.

Jobs are not just jobs. 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.

Strauss brands may have committed to transferring their 150 jobs from Franklin to Milwaukee but there is no reason to believe those numbers will increase. Milwaukee can do better and generate 150 jobs in a plethora of other, less base ways without alienating and causing stress and harm to the neighborhoods and to the workers.

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