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Subject: In Support of HPC File #220279, St. Mark's Church and Apartment Certificate of Appropriateness

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As a business owner on Downer Avenue I am in full support of a new apartment building in the St. Mark's Church property to bring more vibrancy and living options to the community around Downer.

Thank you for your time.

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Kind Regards

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I am writing in support of the project to remove the existing St. Mark's parish hall, construct a new parish hall, and construct a 55-unit apartment building in the empty green space next door.

As a neighbor of this development who has also enjoyed living in lovely East Side apartments in the past, I am excited about the prospect of adding new apartments to this neighborhood. Specifically, these apartments are well in line with what one would expect an apartment on the East Side built in 2022 to look like. We have very little construction in this neighborhood at a time when more and more Milwaukeeans recognize what a special place the East Side is to live, raise a family, and grow old in.

The proposed plans strongly align with the character of the neighborhood, . Belleview Manor and 2533/2537 Downer Ave. both share the U-shaped building this structure emulates. The brick strongly resembles other brick structures (specifically apartment buildings) found all over this neighborhood.

Pertaining to siting, we have beautiful apartments scattered throughout this neighborhood. I have personally lived in two such buildings and have loved both of them. The idea of adding more of these charming types of buildings makes me excited to imagine the new neighbors who will be able to call our neighborhood their home.

As it relates to sizing, I believe this building could be larger and still fit within the fabric of this neighborhood. We have plenty of large buildings here and I cannot imagine adding another story to this building would have any significant impact on the way the neighborhood is perceived.

Opposition parties to this project have made clear their oppositions are related to parking their personal cars (in a neighborhood that has ample alternatives), opposition to any change of any sort (change is inevitable and this project joyfully embraces it), and wanting the prices of their own houses to increase (further pricing out additional Milwaukeeans). None of these are related to the historical nature of our neighborhood (for instance, cars barely existed when many of the buildings here were built). I encourage you to look past this opposition and allow us to welcome new faces into a beautiful neighborhood.

I look forward to walking by this new building on my walks for many years to come and enjoying yet another layer to the complexity that is the East Side.

Sincerely,
Brian Hildebrand
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