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To Whom it May Concern,

The reason we are sending this letter is to state our opposition to the proposed zoning change at 107th & Pfeil from light industrial to general planned development. Our support is behind the City Development Department in NOT endorsing the zoning change. It is in our neighborhood's best interest to maintain the area's current zoning, light industrial.

Our reasons for not supporting this proposed zoning change are as follows. We have a lot of children who are quite young and many walkers and 90 low income units will bring in a substantial amount of car traffic which represents hazard and noise and wear and tear. It's our understanding that the proposed 90 units need not be owner occupied. As a former owner/resident of what used to be called North meadows and is now called The Woodlands, I can only state that ownership was nothing less than a nightmare when so many units were not owner occupied and the city finally had to step in at great cost on so many levels to assist in the restoration/renovation and cleaning up of drug/prostitution units in the area. The general maintenance of the units and the grounds was always poor due to budget and safety issues. I have similar concerns about this new proposal. Furthermore, just down the road and across the street we have a plethora of housing units for seniors and low income. We have been in our home for nearly six years and have watched as three huge buildings have been built solely dedicated to senior units. As we have to drive past daily to get to our jobs and lives we see the progress of each. So far it appears that none of them are done and that more new construction occurs before the original is complete. Owing to the large number of units already existing and still in the stages of completion, what will happen if not enough seniors move in? Will these units be rented to the general population with its ensuing problems?

We are City of Milwaukee Employees and have worked hard to afford our home here. The struggle is ongoing. Our most recent property tax bill was just shy of \$7000.00. Not to mention the upkeep all of which we are willing to do to keep our neighborhood clean, quiet, and well maintained. My husband willingly gets up in the middle of the night to ride in an ambulance for the Fire Department to help sick and dying people and has done so for decades without complaint. We are asking for support for a little respite in our home and neighborhood. We are asking to please support us by denying the zoning change so we can maintain the peaceful quality of our neighborhood. Additional housing projects which are not owner occupied will increase traffic, decrease our property value and may potentially lead to a higher crime rate.

We are in favor of negotiating an extension of our subdivision. Fairway Place could have its boundaries moved to encompass the proposed area. Why not petition for a zoning change to allow construction of single family, owner occupied homes. We'd be more than willing to support a zoning change of this kind. In fact it's the only zoning change we would be supportive of.

Thank you for taking time to read of request.

Yours,

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