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Hello,

I'm a Bay View resident and would like to voice my support and submit a written public comment for the Historic Designation of the Puddlers' Cottages.

One of my first weeks as a Bay View resident, my husband and I went for a walk in the neighborhood and I pointed out the Puddler's cottages to him, saying "aren't those sweet little cottages". At the time, I didn't yet know their history and how important they are to the community, but they obviously stood out to me. I think one reason they stood out was because of how humble they are. It's obvious they were part of something bigger at one time, a development and industry that would eventually shape the neighborhood we call home today. With the constant threat of development throughout an insane real estate market, these humble little cottages have withstood the test of time and remained in their beautiful location just a few blocks from the lake and directly across the street from the park which once housed the Industry Mill that ultimately created them.

It is not hard to see the threat these cottages face. With wealth disparities in all major cities getting out of hand, and real estate markets with no forgiveness for long-time residents, often pushing them out of the neighborhoods they grew up in and helped to form, these cottage's days are surely numbered without protection of Historic Designation. With historic designation of these cottages, we will not only ensure an important piece of the historic fabric of our neighborhood will remain, but also that there is diversity in our housing stock and in essence a form of more affordable housing available to residents of the community (if they are torn down, the rebuilt structure will surely be out of reach for most milwaukee residents). Lastly, it's also worth mentioning the environmental impact of tearing down historic well built structures and replacing them with modern buildings (which often do not last as long). The embodied energy it takes to replace a perfectly good building is detrimental to society, and is often forgotten about. The greenest building is the one that is already standing...

I urge you to consider these remarks, and support historic designation of the Puddler's Cottages. The historic designation of these humble cottages is a step in the right direction of making our city a more equitable and environmentally friendly city for our future generations.

Thank you so much for your consideration and taking the time to read this email.

Best wishes,

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