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To: Kovac, Nik <nkovac@milwaukee.gov>

Subject: Support for affordable housing development at 1887 Water St.

Hello Alderman Kovac,

I'm a resident in your district (on the Upper East Side), and I'm writing to express my support for the proposed multi-family housing development at 1887 Water St.

I believe you and I agree that the East Side needs more dense housing—and in particular, *affordable* dense housing. This proposed building checks all three of those boxes. I also support the choices made by the developers, including the focus on disabled residents, their hope of attracting people who work in the neighborhood, and the number of parking spots.

Relatedly, I would push the city to improve how it encourages affordable dense housing like this. Beyond examining bureaucratic and zoning barriers to development, a key concern of residents near these proposals is their impact on local traffic. To address them, I would advocate for improving our sustainable transit options through:

- extending the streetcar north
- incentivizing use of our bus lines
- expanding the neighborhood's protected bike infrastructure
- adding bike boulevards

Thank you for your time!

Best,

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