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My name is Theron Mills and I own a duplex at 2527 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue. My home is one block from the proposed apartment complex "for teachers".

I oppose this project. However, I am unable to attend the meeting as I recently had surgery and have limited mobility.

The large number of units that are being proposed is out of proportion with the space and the neighborhood resources. A percentage of the units are to be "reserved" for teachers. And the rest? And those not filled by teachers? Many in the community see this as a deceitful maneuver-- an effort to create low income housing in our community without proper discussion. I have spoken with ten teachers (new and experienced), none of whom see any purpose in the designation of an apartment complex for teachers. In fact, most felt it would be a hindrance to a positive socialization process and would promote a negative and narrow environment for new teachers. If we want to support new teachers in Milwaukee, there are many ways to do so other than this housing project.

There are so many negative aspects of this project: parking, overpopulation of small space, lack of community support, altering the development direction of Bay View, minimal value to the neighborhood, and a perceived misrepresentation of intent of this project.

No one wants to see this or any other property sit idle. This is an important property in the middle of Bay View with great potential for a variety of possibilities. I am not partial to nor opposed to St. Lucas developing the Dover property. However, their ideas were more in keeping with the essence of the Bay View community and the development which has emerged over the past decade. The ideas such as: space for children's recreation, public playground/green space or event/meeting space, or art/theatre programming, or office space or adult enrichment, or off street parking would be welcome and more appropriate to the space. The plan on the table is not any of these and I cannot support it.