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Milwaukee, Wi. 53211
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Commissioner Guarie Rodman
200 E. Wells St.
Milwaukee, Wi. 53202

Dear Ms.: Rodman

This letter is an expression of concern over a proposed devolpment in a neighborhood where my wife and I have lived for more than 38 years.

The situation I am concerned about is a proposed 11-story condominium at N. Stowell and E. Webster in Milwaukee. It seems strange that anyone would propose such an enormous building on this site. A quick visit to the location is proof enough of the inappropriateness of the plan.

In this vicinity, no other building is more than four stories high! The project, if completed, will be an eyesore dwarfing the nearby existing buildings. Its very massiveness does not belong in this quiet residential neighborhood with all of the accompanying traffic, parking and safety problems it will certainly bring.

Another concern is that neighbors have had little opportunity for input on such major construction which will greatly impact their lives and life style. A public meeting was held on Dec. 19. It was well-attended but many there were unaware of the proposal. People were alarmed that it was so close to completion without the courtesy of consultation with them --a key component of such a major change in their midst.

The time has come for a consultation, revisit and revision. Please do not mistake my letter as a NIMBY approach. All neighborhoods undergo change and from time to time need good sound change. But the questions are: is this change the right one? Is it beneficial?Is it wise longterm planning? If such a drastic change is approved, what next?

But seeing is believing. Hopefully you will take the time to acquaint yourself with this situation. When you do you will learn of the concern that so many others of us share.

Sincerely,



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