

**Elmer, Linda**

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**From:** D'Amato, Michael  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 05, 2007 5:44 PM  
**To:** Elmer, Linda  
**Subject:** FW: Milwaukee River Resident Group/Rivianna/Letter  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Mary Hertel [mailto:dchertel@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Mon 02-Jul-07 1:58 PM  
**To:** D'Amato, Michael  
**Cc:** Bauman, Robert; Wade, Willie; Hamilton, Ashanti; Murphy, Michael  
**Subject:** Milwaukee River Resident Group/Rivianna/Letter

Alderman Michael D'Amato  
 Chairperson  
 Zoning and Neighborhood Development Committee  
 Dear Alderman D'Amato:

The Milwaukee River Residents' Group is comprised of hundreds of residents living in both the Fifth and Third Wards. Our condominium associations – Hansen's Landing, Harborfront, Waterfront, Marine Terminal Lofts and Water Street Lofts – formed this group to address issues of common concern. The issue that prompted us to form is the "Rivianna" proposal located in our neighborhood. Gary Marsack, President of the Harborfront and Hansen's Landing Condominium Association is our spokesperson. A neighborhood meeting organized by Alderman Witkowiak on Tuesday evening, June 26 was attended by nearly 100 persons who were overwhelmingly opposed to the project. Modest refinements offered by the developer were suggested, however the basic faults of the proposal remain. We remain strongly opposed to the project and have encouraged the developer to forward a more appropriate plan for this important piece of property.

We understand that this matter may be considered for your committee's agenda at its July 3rd meeting immediately prior to the July 4th holiday. We respectfully request that this matter be held over until a later date so that we can continue our dialogue with the developer and gain a better understanding of his objectives for this property. It would be a tremendous disservice to the residents of this area to consider this controversial matter when many people are expected to be unavailable due to the holidays.

We do not want to prevent or hold up development of this important property. Rather, we want to make sure that all of the residents of this neighborhood are given ample time for input. It is also important that the DCD has time to consider the concerns raised by residents at the June 26th meeting. You have been a strong supporter of constituent input into development plans for your district. Please help us realize the same representation in our neighborhood.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,  
 MILWAUKEE RIVER RESIDENTS' GROUP

CC: Bauman  
Greenstreet  
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