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**To:** <mdamat@ci.mil.wi.us>  
**Date:** Tue, Dec 14, 2004 6:37 AM  
**Subject:** East Village Conservation District Vote

Mike,

I regret our business will keep me from being at the meeting this morning, but I wanted to express my support of the East Village Conservation District *and its intent. The guidelines seem to provide enough flexibility to create new development and/or preserve old.* I think the guidelines will help maintain the flavor, charm, and fabric of the neighborhood north of Brady Street.

Sincerely,

Pat Suminski  
Resident, Business owner

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**To:** Mike D'Amato <mdamat@ci.mil.wi.us>, Michael Murphy <MMURPH@ci.mil.wi.us>, bob bauman <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov>, <ahamil@milwaukee.gov>, <wwade@milwaukee.gov>  
**Date:** 12/14/2004 1:04:59 AM  
**Subject:** In Support of the East Village Conservation District

Dear Aldermen D'Amato, Wade, Hamilton, Murphy and Bauman,

I would like to express my support for the need for the East Village Overlay District and apologize that family matters have come up that prevent me from attending your Zoning Committee hearing to personally testify.

My feeling, as someone who has lived and worked south of Brady Street since 1979 -- and bought land to build a small house for myself in the East Village area about 4 years ago-- is that the hard work of the long time East Village Association members has suddenly born fruit so rapidly, that without the design guidelines proposed in the Conservation District, within a few years this historic district will be unrecognizable.

One land speculator/developer bought a lot with a 3-family in the front and a single house in the rear for \$70,000 two years ago, fixed it up and sold it recently for \$450,000.

Without a prohibition against lot combining without an appeal process that will then have design standards applicable, these little (often 27 feet wide) lots, will be gobbled up and assembled by developers who have no feel or care for this historic blue collar neighborhood.

I personally am working with the City on a small development in the neighborhood -- hoping to buy the 1 and 1/2 City lots adjoining my property -- but have already indicated to DCD Staff that I will voluntarily design according to the proposed guidelines, even though they have not yet been adopted. I do this, because I have come to appreciate and love the scale and feeling of this unpretentious neighborhood, and want to not only live there but contribute to and be a part of maintaining its integrity.

The people who have worked hard and long on this proposal are the people who have worked hard and long on stopping crime, rebuilding parks, running the association and publishing the neighborhood newsletter and keeping up its website. They started as a blockwatch club to hold absentee landlords to decent standards and now they are trying to hold developers to standards as well.

I urge you to support their efforts and vote to recommend the Conservation District to the Common Council.

Thank you very much, and I apologize again that I could not appear in person.

Sincerely,

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**From:** George Gettler <zoocrew@highstream.net>  
**To:** <mdamat@milwaukee.gov>  
**Date:** Mon, Dec 13, 2004 7:36 PM  
**Subject:** Re: YES to Overlay District

Dear Committee Members:  
Please accept our letter in lieu of our presence at the Conservation Zoning meeting. We are strong supporters of the Conservation District. Thank you for your cooperation,  
George and Felicia Gettler

December 13, 2004

Alderman Michael D'Amato  
City Hall Room 205  
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Milwaukee, WI 53202-3570

Re: Conservation Zoning

Dear Alderman D'Amato:

As members of the East Village Association, Felicia and I are writing to you to express our support for the approval of the Overlay District for the East Village.

We believe in the Conservation Zoning in the simple fact that it will help to preserve the ethnic heritage of this area. There is strong opposition that this area is "slum", yet these people own rental properties and businesses in this very "slum" and continue to prosper in their endeavors. If this area has proven to be so bad, why has there been a historical walk through the East Village on any given Saturday for the past 20 years? We take pride in our home and the fact that it was built by Polish immigrants.

With the new interest in development in this area, we would like to voice our concern for all the demolition and building that has been taking place. We would like some guidelines for the renovation and developments so that their projects would be more consistent in "fitting in" with the existing homes. We do not want to live next to a HUGE monstrosity and lose the warmth and charm of our community. We trust with no rules and regulations for builders, that our neighborhood will become a concrete jungle with no personality. (Just take a walk on Brady Street and feel the charisma that is East Village.)

Please vote yes for the Overlay District so that we may keep our ethnic heritage.

Sincerely,

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**Date:** Mon, Dec 13, 2004 6:11 PM  
**Subject:** East Village Conservation Overlay Zone

To: Alderman Michael D'Amato, Alderman Willie Wade, Alderman Michael Murphy, Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, and Alderman Robert Bauman

Dear Aldermen,

My name is Kendall Yahr. I was a resident of the East Village for 12 years. I fell in love with the neighborhood, and the great sense of community this area possessed. I moved in as a college student, and stayed until last October when I was forced to move due to a 44% rent increase. I remain a member of the East Village Association, and was the Chairperson for the Pulaski Street Playground Project. As a resident of this neighborhood, I became involved with the East Village Association, as it started back in 1994 as a small block watch group. At that time our energies were focused on absentee landlord issues, and drug houses. As the neighborhood improved, other issues became important, such as neighborhood clean-ups, the development on Brady Street and how it affected us, and the new developments along Water and Commerce Streets. These developments made all of us suddenly aware of the interest in our little pocket of Milwaukee. And the developers started showing up shortly thereafter...with plans wanting to remove all of the housing along the Milwaukee River on Kane Place, replacing the modest homes with huge condominiums. This is unacceptable! The East Village may not have the prettiest homes, or the most palatial estates, but it does possess some of the original working class homes for the City of Milwaukee, and as such, holds historic significance.

Please support the East Village Conservation Overlay Zone. This is a special area which deserves to be protected from over development. And help save a small bit of Milwaukee's history and heritage.

Sincerely,  
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**Date:** Mon, Dec 13, 2004 5:40 PM  
**Subject:** overlay district

Hi Mike

Unfortunately I won't be able to attend the hearing for the Overlay District tomorrow morning but I did want to offer my support for the document as it was most recently written.

thanks

Annette French