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**Subject:** 1887 N Water Street Proposed Development

Hello Alderman Kovac,

Thank you for the opportunity to join Wednesday's community meeting regarding the proposed development for 1887 N Water Street. I am a first-time home owner at Riverbridge Condos, 1905 N Water Street and have been here since 2019. I'm originally from the Green Bay area and have fallen in love with Milwaukee as well as my lower-eastside neighborhood. I hope to continue to stay a Milwaukee resident to enjoy everything this charming city has to offer. There is so much potential to positively impact the neighborhood with the right and sound design. However, the current proposal for the residential building next door to me is very concerning and inconsiderate of those that live here and driving me away from wanting to stay. The 67% vote against current design plans speaks volumes and proves the majority feel the same way.

First, I'd like to address my concerns with the current floor plans. I am on the second floor and one of the units that faces 1887's lot. I am in a middle unit and with the proposed plan, the new building will be extremely close, as close as 5 ft. This seemed to be news to the developer/designer on the call. With the current plan and being the middle unit this means I will lose daylight, my privacy, and the views I invested in. This is very frustrating to me as it will result in a significant decrease in property value and my quality of living. Moving here I knew the lot was vacant and the possibility for a multi-level building, but this can be done considerately and not interfere with current residents. In addition, when we need work done on the upper floors, how would a scaffold or lift fit in there? This doesn't seem safe or practical.

My next concern is the lack of parking proposed. There will be far more new residents than parking spots and the demand for parking is already very high in our neighborhood. I have one parking spot and when guests visit I allow them to park in my spot so they don't have to park blocks away. The restaurants on North Water will also see less traffic come through their doors if visitors cannot find parking, especially on the weekends. The limited parking will not benefit our neighborhood bars and restaurants and will not make it convenient for others from different parts of the city to visit.

I'd love to continue to live here. I invested in this community and love what I have done to make my place a home. After Wednesday's call I felt like everything I worked so hard for is being taken away from me. I really hope you consider my feedback as well as my neighbors. I believe my neighborhood is a wonderful place and we can make it even better but this proposal will simply not do that. I look forward to hearing how the proposal evolves and I appreciate your time.

Best Regards,

Kaila Haen