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Please! Enough already!! Every week we visit and shop along Downer Avenue. We know many of the proprietors and have volunteered and participated in events to promote this area. We utilize the green space and appreciate its value in a commercial area. In fact, we have been looking in this neighborhood to relocate our residence. The character of Downer Avenue is already changing -- and given the City's plans -- not for the best. If the parking structure is constructed here, this will end our desire to live in this area.

My family has very fond memories of the popcorn wagon and that whole area. It is part of my family's history. Please leave this corner alone. It has a community feel (that definitely could be enhanced to become a "town center" unlike the faux Bayshore "Town Center") and memories that belong to many Milwaukee residents. Unfortunately, the changes that have already occurred, and that are proposed, are negatively affecting my desire to patronize the establishments in this area. It is a struggle for me because I strongly believe in supporting independent businesses. What is happening here just doesn't feel right.

I strongly oppose the sale of this land to New Land Enterprises and Van Buren Management and the construction of the 5-story parking structure on this site. Please keep this little piece of Old Milwaukee alive and intact for the greater good -- not just the good of the companies seeking to make money off of it.

Thank you,

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