

## Lee, Chris

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**From:** Michael Komba <ceramical@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 4, 2020 1:17 PM  
**To:** Lee, Chris  
**Subject:** Public comment for Dec. 8th

I oppose Children's Hospital of Wisconsin being able to buy or use the property at 1432 West Forest Home Avenue. From my personal experience both working with low income and homeless women and families, I believe Children's Hospital of Wisconsin runs a biased Child Protective Services agency in Milwaukee. From my understanding, Children's Hospital receives a \$22 Million state contract to administer Child Protective Services. I believe they often tear apart safe families for income generation and prejudice.

Children's Hospital is also an adoption agency. This is a conflict of interest and leads to a massive increase in unjust child removals in my opinion. Children's Hospital CPS sometimes removes infants immediately at birth, claiming a mom is "mentally ill" or "slow" or "battered" or has a "bad attitude." Yet none of these allegations are abuse or neglect under state law.

Many babies and kids taken by Children's Hospital at birth go directly to "foster adoptive" homes. The "foster adopters" get a monthly check while the low-income parents trying to get their kids back usually get no financial help after child removal. A good number of times, Children's Hospital places the kids on their Health Plan, overruling a birth parent's parental right to choose their child's doctor.

I have also seen the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services' largest contractor, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, use police to unnecessarily remove, children from moms who were victims of domestic violence—with no warrant or actual factually documented proof of any abuse or neglect of the children. I have seen abusers get off with just a warning while moms who were abused are forced to undergo months of Children's Hospital endorsed classes in order to stay at a shelter and to keep or get back custody of their own kids. In my eyes, this is victim blaming and profiteering off of domestic violence and poverty.

Children's Hospital CPS many times places older children in foster homes and institutions, where I believe they unnecessarily prescribe psych drugs to a large percentage of the kids. A good number of kids are abused, neglected, humiliated, sexually abused, or otherwise hurt in foster placements made by Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, and some of these instances have been shared at the Child Welfare Partnership Council hearings.

I also was a volunteer court advocate in Children's Court for one summer. While doing this work, I came to the conclusion that a good number of Children's Hospital employees use manipulation to get parents to give up custody of their own kids, especially when parents have developmental disabilities. I have also seen what I feel is Children's Hospital employees make statements in court that have never been documented or proven yet they are stated as fact when really they are just the personal opinions of caseworkers or their supervisors. Children's Hospital should not be allowed to have so much power over poor families and I believe that allowing them to have yet another clinic will increase unjust child removals.

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**From:** Lee, Chris <clee@milwaukee.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 6:34 PM

**To:** Michael Komba <ceramical@hotmail.com>

**Subject:** RE: Public comment for Dec. 8th

I recommend you speaking on 5 even if it is about the sale. Yes you can submit your comment to me and I'll place it in the file. If they take up 5 and 6 separately and you don't speak on 5, I'll let the committee know about your desire to speak for 6, but I'll defer to the committee if they let you or not when the time comes.

Chris Lee  
Staff Assistant

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**From:** Michael Komba [mailto:ceramical@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 03, 2020 12:31 PM

**To:** Lee, Chris

**Subject:** Re: Public comment for Dec. 8th

I am not with the developer team. So, just to clarify I may be able to make public comment on the sale but only if the 5 and 6 are merged? And if item 5 passes then the property will not be sold so six would be void? And can I email my comment public comment to you?

Michael Komba

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**From:** Lee, Chris <clee@milwaukee.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 6:19 PM

**To:** Michael Komba <ceramical@hotmail.com>

**Subject:** RE: Public comment for Dec. 8th

Both items 5 and 6 are concerning the library. 5 is the historic designation. 6 is the sale. 5 may determine what happens with 6. 5 is the one legally obligated to take public testimony. 6 is not. Defer to the committee if they will open up 6 to public comments or not. Are you with the developer team for the project? At a minimum, comment for 6 is allowed for City staff, the committee, and developer team.

Both may be taken up at the same time since they are intertwined. You can do both – submit your letter and offer to speak. I'll make note of your desire to speak for item 5 or items 5 & 6 if they're taken up at the same time.

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Sincerely,

Chris Lee  
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**From:** Michael Komba [mailto:ceramical@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 03, 2020 12:15 PM  
**To:** Lee, Chris  
**Subject:** Re: Public comment for Dec. 8th

No, I wanted to comment on the discussion of the city-owned library property at 1432 West Forest Home Avenue, in the 12th Aldermanic District. So there is no way I could make a comment on that item?

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**From:** Lee, Chris <clee@milwaukee.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 6:08 PM  
**To:** Michael Komba <ceramical@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Public comment for Dec. 8th

Do you mean item 5 the permanent historic designation? That one is open for public comment.

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**From:** Michael Komba [mailto:ceramical@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 03, 2020 12:07 PM  
**To:** Lee, Chris  
**Subject:** Public comment for Dec. 8th

Hello. I would like to provide a comment on item number 6th on the public hearing December 8th that starts at 9am. If I provide a written comment will it be read aloud or would I have to provide an oral comment for that to happen?

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