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Dear Plan Commission Members:

I am writing in support of the zoning change on N. Hackett Avenue to allow development of the green space immediately north of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. My family moved to the east side in early spring of 1951 when I was still 10 years old, joined St. Mark's, and I've been a member ever since. I grew up on the East Side, went to East Side schools, and as an adult owned a business on N. Downer Avenue for several years, so I am familiar with the area, the demographics, and the history of the area. One of the best things about living on the East Side is having so many nearby amenities like food stores, pharmacies, shops, medical offices, bookstores, restaurants, etc., and the proposed apartment buildings will be only around the block from all the amenities of the North Downer businesses. When you can walk to what you need or want, you don't need to drive and search for a place to park. And when you walk in your neighborhood, you meet others and build community.

These proposed apartments will be easy on the neighborhood. Their residents will be able to take a very short walk to get what they might want or need. They will help build a safe and friendly community.

The development will allow our church to replace a shabby and dilapidated church hall building with a useful, practical, and good looking building to enable us to continue to grow as a church and to continue to provide meeting space for so many local groups and to continue our substantial outreach programs, as well as a hall for our own gatherings and for wedding receptions and community meetings.

Please approve the necessary zoning to allow the apartments and the new church hall to be built. It will benefit the whole neighborhood.

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