

From: laurarichardconsulting **On Behalf Of** Laura Richard
Sent: Sunday, February 11, 2007 6:23 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Letter in Support of Proposed Changes on Downer Avenue

Dear Mayor Barrett,

I am writing in support of the proposed changes on Downer Avenue. There are a number of issues of which I feel are important.

First, more parking in that area is a good thing. I am sure that neighbors have complained about the lack of parking due to people eating/shopping on the street. I know that I have personally decided against a quick stop at Harry Schwartz because I could not find parking, and I am sure that I am not alone in that struggle.

Additionally, a few block away sits, Bradford Arms, a 10 story building. Although the new building that is proposed is eleven stories, it is not much larger than an already existing building only a few blocks away. The idea to have a few floors dedicated to a hotel is fabulous. Parents that are visiting their children attending UWM would be grateful to be so close. Plus, it will bring more business to the stores on Downer Avenue.

Furthermore, the tax revenue which will be brought into the city is much needed. I understand your thorough attention to continually trying to balance the city's budget, and any additional funds that can be created is a good thing.

I am very much a community advocate and am vocal about my ideas. There are many people that feel that any change is bad. Although I do not want to change the flavor and feel of Downer Avenue, I do believe that the proposed changes will only enhance the area.

Respectfully,

Laura Richard

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