

January 10, 2013

City of Milwaukee Zoning, Neighborhoods
& Development Committee
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Committee Members

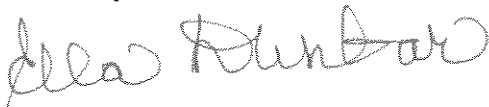
Re: Gardens Homes Neighborhood Historic Designation

My name is Ella Dunbar. The purpose of this letter is to give my support for the historic designation of the Garden Homes Neighborhood. I have been a part of this neighborhood since 2008. My relationship is that of an investor. I purchased a residential property in the 4400 block on North 25th Street, which is a rental unit. Though, I do not live in the neighborhood, I am an active member of the Historic Garden Homes Neighborhood Association and I am a member of the housing committee.

I became very interested in learning the history of how in the 1920s this neighborhood became the country's first public housing development. There are several long-time residents in the neighborhood who have been a part of the neighborhood longer than I have who also support a historic designation.

Having a historic designation would mean there is another way to continue making our neighborhood a stable and desirable place. We realize there is plenty of work that needs to be done to improve our neighborhood. There is a commitment that already exists for making our neighborhood a great place to prosper and be a great place for all to live, work and play. It is my hope that you will consider a historic designation, which I feel will give this neighborhood the added value that it so richly deserves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ella Dunbar".

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