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Subject: Dover Street School Redevelopment

Gentlemen,

I was disappointed today to learn that my Alderman, Tony Zielinski, has decided to oppose redevelopment of our closed MPS elementary school (Dover) into teacher housing. I understand he will be recommending a meeting on this before your committee on April 15th and pushing for a no vote. The developer has revised the plan twice in response to neighborhood concerns. They have maintained free parking and play space for St. Lucas. Yet Tony and a few noisy neighbors appear to be on the verge of killing a multimillion dollar investment in our neighborhood that will utilize an empty MPS building and property while providing a space for entry level teachers to live and thrive. This would add to our tax base and introduce additional young professionals to our neighborhood and local businesses.

I am writing to notify you on the Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee, that I fully support this project at Dover and will be very disappointed if it is killed. I will also be beyond disappointed if killing the project forces MPS to sell the building to St. Lucas because of proposed(?) legislation in Madison. The last thing we need is an expansion of an elementary voucher school in Bay View when MPS has wonderful elementary schools close by.

Also, will you take testimony at said meeting? I'd be interested in attending and voicing my support.

Regards,

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