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I am writing in enthusiastic support of the Hackett Avenue apartment project. As a resident of the East Side who regularly shops and travels in the exact neighborhood, I fully support this very reasonable and necessary development. This development will help to keep many of my favorite businesses alive, as well as the ones like Ace Hardware that I depend on for basic goods.

I live on the East Side and do not own a car or drive. I depend on walking, biking, and the bus for all of my needs. Because of this, more people in the neighborhood support me by providing the density needed to support businesses and community events.

The proposal should *not* be altered to reduce living units - we need *more* people living in our wonderful city, not less. I am a semi-recent transplant to Milwaukee and absolutely love it - I wish we had even more people to support vibrant neighborhoods.

The proposal should also not require additional car parking spots, as parking is extremely expensive to build and would increase the rents of these units. Instead, I would like to see 2-6 of these car parking spots instead designed for bike parking spots, which are accessible for adaptive and cargo bikes (e.g. proper space and racks). Bike parking is my #1 challenge where I live - I have to carry my bike up and down many sets of stairs. I would move to an apartment in a heartbeat if good bike parking was a part of the deal. Bike parking should be inside, secure, and accessible via a ramp, not just stairs. I believe this is a key component of helping people go car-lite, which will help with concerns around traffic.

Sincerely,
Marybeth McGinnis