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To: cityplancommission <cityplancommission@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: IN SUPPORT OF FILE NUMBER 220401

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the new apartment building and parish hall addition (File #220401) proposed for your consideration- specifically for the site to be rezoned to RM-6 to enable the project to advance.

As a commercial real estate developer who has restored [award-winning](#) and [federally recognized](#) historic buildings and built [new urban infill projects](#) that incorporated exceptional elements, I have a demonstrated understanding of and a commitment to preserving and enhancing Milwaukee's diverse neighborhoods. I also write with the perspective of a current property owner and soon to be resident of the East Side/ Downer Ave neighborhood where we are building a home in the North Point North Historic District.

This project will add tremendous value to the neighborhood by creating needed housing, diversifying options in a neighborhood where few new developments happen, and providing new customers for the essential lifeblood Main Street of Downer Ave. The change in zoning is a critical element to ensuring the highest and best use of the site and the most sustainable and impactful development, while also contributing a high quality new asset to the fabric of the block. Frankly, its a travesty that such a significant site has sat vacant and poorly utilized for so long.

I have attended a public meeting where the project plans were presented and I have directly reviewed the plans for the Hackett Avenue infill apartments in detail. It is clear to me that the architects and development team have worked hard and at great expense to develop something that merits approval. They have thoughtfully considered the project to ensure maximum positive impact for all.

This infill building will be a welcome addition to the neighborhood. I encourage you to support these plans and I thank each of you for your incredible service to our shared City.

In Kindness,
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