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Subject: IN SUPPORT OF FILE NUMBER 220401 - the St Marks Church and Hackett Apartments Project

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City Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the development project in file 220401 – the St Marks Church and Hackett Apartments Project.

I live in the neighborhood (Shephard Ave) and I support the rezoning to RM-6 from RM-3 to allow this project to move forward.

1. THIS TYPE OF DENSITY AND INFILL IS GOOD FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE DOWNER AVENUE DISTRICT BY PROVIDING HOUSING FOR A DIVERSITY OF INCOMES, PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY, WHICH WILL IMPROVE SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR ALL
2. WE NEED NEW, ACCESSIBLE, HOUSING WITH UNDERGROUND PARKING IN A HISTORIC DISTRICT WHERE THERE IS NONE FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AND EMPTY NESTERS.
3. THIS MAKES THE CHURCH ACCESSIBLE TO ITS MEMBERS, PARTERS, AND MISSION AND HELPS PRESERVE AND SUSTAIN THE CHURCH’S FUTURE.
4. THE PROJECT IS IMPROVING THE CURRENT PARKING SITUATION BY ADDING 69 HEATED, UNDERGROUND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES. IN ADDITION, THE CHURCH WOULD ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PARKING GARAGE FOR VALIDATION AND FREE PARKING TO ALL ITS MEMBERS AND VISITORS.
5. THE DEVELOPER HAS DESIGNED AN ALL MASONRY BUILDING THAT IS BEST OF CLASS AND FITS THE HISTORIC FABRIC OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND ADDS TO BADLY NEEDED TAX BASE TO A PARCEL NOT ON THE TAX ROLES AT ALL CURRENTLY - UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AT HPC.
6. THE DOWNER BUSINESS DISTRICT IS VITAL TO THE COMMUNITY AND MORE PEOPLE WILL HELP MAKE IT MORE VIBRANT AND HELP THE BUSINESSES.
7. IT WILL ADD \$350K/YR TO THE TAX BASE ACROSS THE ENTIRE CITY OF MILWAUKEE

I’m sorry I cannot attend the hearing in person, but I would appreciate if my opinions noted here could be considered.

Thank you,

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