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Mr. Nik Kovac City Hall, Room 205 200 E. Wells St. Milwaukee WI 53202

Dear Mr. Kovac,

SUBJECT: MERCY HOUSING - SUPPORT

Please add this letter to your stack in support of the proposed Mercy Housing development. This 54 unit building will provide affordable housing for a very small fraction of the unskilled staff at Eastside healthcare facilities including CSM, Eastcastle, and the Catholic home. It seems only fair that those who are poorly paid for doing the most unpleasant work in the hospital have a safe and convenient commute to a pleasant and affordable home. Most of us become patients someday, so it is in the best interests of all Eastsiders that our local health care facilities recruit a strong workforce.

The argument that the East Side has a glut of low-income housing fails to acknowledge the fact that run-down student duplexes are simply undesirable by grownup standards.

Parking concerns can be easily allayed by improved bus lines combined with Zipcar's convenient \$7/hour car rental.

Sincerely,

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cc: City Plan Commission (planadmin@milwaukee.gov) Mayor Tom Barrett (mayor@milwaukee.gov)