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Subject: IN SUPPORT OF FILE NUMBER 220401 in the subject line.

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To whom it may concern:

I write in support for changing the zoning regulations on the parcel of land St. Mark's Episcopal Church is selling for redevelopment. As someone who works in economic development across the nation, and specifically in efforts of creating healthy, inclusive and affordable neighborhood, I am exceedingly proud that my community of faith at St. Mark's is endeavoring to improve the health and vitality of the neighborhood.

The development we are endeavoring to move forward has multiple benefits for the Downer Avenue neighborhood:

1. Additional at-market and affordable housing that will encourage and broaden the breadth of diversity that exists;
2. Accessible housing that includes 69 underground parking spaces in a neighborhood sophisticating from lack of available parking.
3. St. Mark's will further ease the tension of insufficient parking spaces by entering into an agreement with the Downer Street parking garage across from our church to provide parking for our members and visitors.
4. St. Mark's has worked diligently with our architect to design an all-masonry building that integrates with the historic buildings and architecture of the neighborhood.
5. The development transitions a tax-exempt parcel of land to one that will add revenue to the tax base. Specifically, the development is projected to add an additional \$350,000/year in taxes to the City of Milwaukee.
6. Finally, and critically important to me personally, the development will allow my faith community to welcome more strangers into our midst with a building that accessible, adaptable and attractive, sustaining our ministry into the future.

Thanks you for your consideration, and ultimately, your approval, of our request.

Sincerely,

Barbara Eckblad
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"Three things in human life are important.

The first is to be kind.

The second is to be kind.

The third is to be kind."

-Henry James to his nephew, Wil