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Subject: Support for Bay View Neighborhood Plan

To whom it may concern,

My name is Sam Kovnar, and I am a resident of Bay View. I've read over the final draft of the Bay View Neighborhood Plan, and I wanted to send in some thoughts, although I'm sure many others have been doing the same. I know that in public outreach, the negative opinions are often louder than the positive ones, so I have a lot of positive thoughts about it, I want to make sure they get heard, too.

I'm not really sure who I'm emailing, to be honest, but I was told that this is the address to send feedback to.

I'm really impressed by how forward-thinking the plan is. There's a lot of great stuff in there, from encouraging infill and improving density, to making plans for future street redesigns.

- I very much agree with the plan of encouraging more "missing middle" housing. Since there is so much unmet demand for housing in Bay View, the only logical solution is that we need to capitalize on the land that we have to maximize housing opportunities.
- I fully support efforts to emphasize transit-oriented development. As a transit-user myself, Bay View's access to transit was one of the key reasons why I moved to this neighborhood, as well as the number of shops and restaurants within walking distance.
- The army reserve plot should absolutely be redeveloped to be housing of medium density or higher. And while I think the BMO and Chase sites are probably lower-priority, I'm happy that they were also included in the plan in the event that a plan is made for them in the future.
- Incorporating plans for future street redesigns to improve walkability, bikeability, and access to transit is a great idea, even if the scope is more long-term and depends on WisDOT or other city agencies. I'm very happy that it is part of plan, as someone who uses Kinnickinnic and Howell for both walking and biking on a regular basis.

Overall, I think the people involved with making this plan have done an excellent job, and I look forward to its official adoption by the common council.

Best wishes,

Sam Kovnar