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Chair Stephanie Bloomingdale
City Plan Commission
City of Milwaukee
809 North Broadway
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Chair Bloomingdale and members of the City Plan Commission,

The City of Milwaukee Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee recommends adoption for the Growing MKE Plan. Removing barriers to a wider range of housing styles is a critical step to making it easier to bike, walk and use transit in Milwaukee. Allowing more types of housing helps create vibrant and walkable neighborhoods. Studies have shown transit-oriented development helps reduce household transportation costs, increase access to jobs, and makes it more likely that residents can fulfill their daily needs without the need of an automobile.

The Department of City Development has done extensive outreach including dozens of public meetings at libraries, community events, senior centers, and webinars over the past year and beyond. Similar measures have also been adopted across the country in cities like Minneapolis and Charlottesville, where they are showing early signs of success. This plan represents an important element in making Milwaukee more connected and accessible.

Respectfully,

City of Milwaukee Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee

Mitchell Henke, City of Milwaukee Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee - Chair

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