

for file

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Subject: PLEASE VOTE NO ON RIVIANNA REZONING

Members of the Milwaukee Common Council,

As neighbors to the proposed development known as "Rivianna" and as (hopefully) long-time residents of the Milwaukee River corridor, we are asking you to VOTE NO to the ZND's advisory recommendation to rezone 236 S. Water Street to allow Rivianna.

Please let us be clear:

We are not against the development of that parcel - We expect and welcome it.

Also, CONTRARY to suggestions made in the 7/3 City Council meeting, we are not opposed to minority participation in the building process, union labor, supporting the local artist community, or the inclusion of a hotel as part of the development.

WHAT WE ARE OPPOSED TO IS THE DESIGN that is DOUBLE the existing zoning height restrictions and that will stick out like a sore thumb in a neighborhood (yes, we're across the river, but it's still our neighborhood). Even more importantly, we believe that it will be a TERRIBLE PRECEDENT to future development along the river corridor to the Lake. Instead of an attractive, welcoming, mixed-use residential/commercial area, you will spawn a common and unattractive urban canyon along our beautiful river front.

We understand that, if financed and constructed, it appears to offer welcome tax dollars, but we believe that this is short-sighted, will include many hidden expenses, and that the project (as designed) will have serious negative implications that could destroy the momentum of growth and success that this area has achieved in recent years.

PLEASE VOTE NO on the legislation allowing rezoning to accommodate the Rivianna construction.

Thank you,
Larry and Gina Cairns
Marine Terminal Loft owners

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