

CONCERNED JACKSON STREET RESIDENTS

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Alderman Nik Kovac
Milwaukee City Hall
200 East Wells Street; 205
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Dear Alderman Kovac:

We are residents and property owners on the 1600 block of North Jackson Street in your district and are writing to express concerns with the proliferation of recent development and the impact it is having on the character and quality of life in the neighborhood.

The cumulative affect of the City of Milwaukee's approval of six multi-story, high-density new developments on and abutting the two blocks of Jackson will be to transform a quaint and calm stretch of affordable housing units into a hodge-podge, out-of-scale, car-dominated thoroughfare.

Consider that the properties located at 1509 (20 units), 1601 Avante (34 units), East Terrace (14 units) and the seven-story Rhythm at 1620 N. Water Street (140 units), have added significantly to traffic and congestion. The new developments now surround us on the south and west and now we are faced with being hemmed in to the north by the Weichmann Enterprises proposal.

Some of us attended the recent session held on June 13 regarding the proposed five-story structure to be located at 1623-1639 N. Jackson. Based upon the details presented, it is clear that adding 33 + additional units and the accompanying traffic and congestion will have an even greater impact and potential detrimental effect upon the quiet enjoyment of our street. Among the concerns we share with many of our neighbors are the height and density of this proposal. This development will dwarf the neighboring properties. As acknowledged by Mr Weichmann at the meeting, the south setback of the balconies on proposed development from the property to the south (1625) will be only four (4) feet - far too close for practical and aesthetic purposes. In its present configuration, the development is simply too large, too close and too dense for the neighborhood.

Accordingly, we urge you as the elected official representing our interests, to take steps to maintain our quality of life and allow us to retain some of the character that exists on the street. Among the suggestions we have that should be prerequisites to the approval of any zoning or conditional use changes are the following:

Finally, we request your office provide us with information on the rezoning process and the specific procedures for neighboring property owners to formally express their objections prior to Common Council action on this matter. This can be sent to ConcernedJacksonStreetResidents@gmail.com.

Thank you for your assistance.

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