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To all standing committee members and interested parties,

I correspond with all of you in eager anticipation of the notion of the historical preservation of the Goll Mansion as well as the future development at the site of 1550 Prospect Avenue.

First and foremost, Milwaukee has a rich tradition, fortunately, of preserving and protecting its' historical landmarks. The Goll Mansion is more than deserving of this attention as one of its' keepsake from years gone by. Unfortunately it has gone far too long as it daily falls by the wayside. Fortunately, interested parties understanding of Milwaukee's vision have taken this project under its' wings to restore it and improve upon it. As I am sure you are aware from the project application, I am thrilled by this endeavor. As a Fire Fighter for the city of Milwaukee, we work tirelessly to protect and preserve all city life and property and the Goll Mansion deserves this special attention and treatment.

Equally important is the development before you for consideration that brings additional enthusiasm on multiple levels. It goes without saying that from its' inception, local community members will have the opportunity to gain employment in this process. Over 400,000 hours of labor is astonishing. Furthermore, employing local constituents is a major victory. Not only providing family sustaining wages but providing a skill set in areas that are desperately needed and will be useful when the 1550 development is completed. Utilizing the trades and identifying the "pre-apprentice" programs within Milwaukee is pivotal in providing future opportunities far beyond the 1550 Prospect Avenue development when completed.

As a Milwaukee Fire Fighter, it is imperative that the committee members, planning commission members as well as others in key roles move this forward in a positive fashion. This development also infuses, upon its' genesis, a \$2 million dollar economic impact to the city's revenue. At a time when state law has frozen levy limits and kept shared revenue flat, mind you, its' decreasing taking into



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consideration the rate of inflation, Milwaukee needs business men and women such as these developers to take on such projects. The vital services that Milwaukee provides its' constituents that all of them have come to know and expect benefits whole heartedly from this work.

Lastly, but certainly not least, the opportunity for whomever to reside in this development will have untold years enjoying the very best that Milwaukee has to offer. These residents will contribute to the economic engine that Milwaukee has become and will only increase its' stability and potential for generations to follow.

I look forward to any further communications regarding this project and fully support its' development. My only desire is that the developers given this opportunity will experience such a positive environment at the city governmental level that they would be encouraged to put more projects together in the future.

I am always available and can be reached at either by cell phone at 414-510-0442 or by email at seager6@gmail.com.

Respectfully,

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