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Jeremy Ebersole submitted a new eComment.

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Item: 1. 210894 Substitute resolution relating to the appropriation of the remainder of the first tranche of American Rescue Plan Act funds.

eComment: The Milwaukee Preservation Alliance urges support of an affordable housing proposal submitted by Ald. Bauman (16, 17, 18). ARPA funds represent an opportunity for us to invest in the restoration rather than demolition of City-owned homes. This would create rather than eliminate desperately needed affordable housing, return properties to productive use and the tax rolls rather than reduce them to empty lots, and support jobs. By restoring older existing Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing, we can make neighborhoods safer by bringing vacant homes back to life. Restoration is also environmentally friendly as renovating an older home vs. tearing down and replacing has the effect of removing 93 cars from the road for a year. Let's use this once in a generation funding to change the narrative from 'why should this be saved?' to 'why should we throw this away?'

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