



Italian Workmen's Club

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TO: Madison Plan Commission
FM: David J Rizzo
RE: Project At 800 Regent Street

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On behalf of the 150 members of the Italian Workmen's Club of Madison (IWC), I'm writing in support of the proposal by CRG to develop the 800 block of Regent Street, by introducing a 10-story student housing complex with commercial space and underground parking.

As part of this project, CRG is willing to dedicate a portion of the new structure to commemorating and honoring the original Greenbush Neighborhood through a mural and a historical timeline calendar. The IWC, located at 914 Regent Street is 112 years old and has a deep history with this area, as the families of many of our members settled here when they emigrated from Sicily and Italy in the early part of the 20th century. A select group of our members will share firsthand experiences of their lives growing up in "The Bush" to aid the writers and artists as they conceptualize the graphics and visuals.

The mission statement of our club is to, "preserve and promote the history, culture, language and traditions of Italians and Italian Americans." We consider CRG's proposal to be our mission statement in action.

We fully support their effort and urge the Plan Commission to approve the Project at 800 Regent Street.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in your process.

David J Rizzo - President IWC