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February 26, 2007

Mayor Dave Cieslewicz
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd
Room 403
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Mayor Cieslewicz,

The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association (TLNA) supports the creation of a committee to propose a disposition for the historic properties in James Madison Park and the land under Lincoln School.

For us, the preservation of our parkland is critically important. But we also see that the future of four landmark structures is at risk. The challenge is to balance parkland preservation and historic preservation. That's why this is such a difficult problem.

Of course, we may not agree with the future recommendations of such a planning committee, but we clearly do not endorse the status quo. Failing to grapple with this tough question is not the answer. Creating the planning committee is a reasonable step and TLNA looks forward to participating in the effort.

Sincerely,



Patrick McDonnell
President
Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association

cc ✓ Madison Common Council
James Morgan