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It is my understanding that Legistar items 86650 and 86649 will be discussed at the February 17th Plan Commission meeting. I would to have the following message sent to the commissioners. Thank you in advance.

2/4/2025

TO: City of Madison Plan Commission

FROM: Sandra Ward, 333 West Mifflin St, Unit 6010

RE: Legistar ID 86650 and Legistar ID 86649 regarding changes to the Madison General Ordinances (MGO) Zoning Code

Dear Mayor Rhodes-Conway, Alders, Commissioners, and City Staff

I am writing to express concern about the loss of urban green space and canopy tree cover that could result if the city's Usable Open Space requirements are reduced or abandoned.

I urge serious consideration of the extent to which many of the proposed zoning changes could have the unintended consequences of decreasing green space, decreasing neighborhood livability, and contributing to heat island effects throughout the city. By eroding urban usable open spaces, we stand to lose the benefits provided by a robust tree canopy including shade, CO2 and pollutant absorption, decreased stormwater runoff, as well as many health, social, and economic benefits.

Please take the long view and consider what Madison can and should be like 25, 50, 70 and 100 years from now. We won't be here to experience that city, but our children and grandchildren will.

Thank you for your consideration ,

Sandra Ward

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