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Hi Kevin and Julie,

It is likely that I will not be able to join the Dec. 15 UDC meeting until after Agenda Item #2, Legistar 67172, related to the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra proposal, is considered. Below are my comments as District 2 Alder that I hope you will convey to commissioners.

Thank you.

Nearby neighbors of the proposed site for WYSO and the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood have been very supportive of this proposal. The development team held several neighborhood and steering committee meetings in which overall support was effectively unanimous. In November, The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association Council voted to support the proposal and its associated city applications.

The exterior architecture of the proposed building is considered a breath of fresh air given that the design of most recent buildings along the East Washington corridor are seen by many neighbors as too similar and not particularly inspired. The proposed building appears to meet UDD #8 requirements for this block and adheres to the guidelines, including a welcome third story stepback along Curtis Court, which helps to minimize the impact on the residences across the street.

Items that may need discussion at UDC include

1. exploring all options to keep as much vehicular traffic as possible off of Curtis Court, including directional flow and appropriate signage;
2. regarding landscaping, saving the existing street trees and any of the trees that are on the parcels, and
3. a desire to keep exterior lighting at reasonable levels.

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