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From: Stouder, Heather
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From: Laurie Wermter [mailto:lwermtter@library.wisc.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2011 12:47 PM
To: Stouder, Heather
Subject: 906 Williamson Street--For the Public Hearing

Dear Ms. Stouder: Thank you for arranging for my comments to get to the Plan Commission in time for their public hearing on whether or not to permit the house at 906 Williamson Street to be converted into a single-family residence in C2 zoning.

I am the president of Ridge Side Cooperative, a limited-equity housing cooperative providing a total of nine affordable apartments, located in the four houses at 839, 841, 843 and 847 Williamson Street. Our co-op was created in 1981 through the efforts of Common Wealth Development Corporation, Madison Development Corporation, and the City of Madison. Each of our four houses is over one hundred years old and have always been residential in use.

The members of Ridge Side Cooperative are fully in support of the residential use of 906 Williamson Street.

Conversion of 906 Williamson back to residential use will fit in perfectly with the neighborhood. Historically, Williamson Street has always had a pretty even mix of commercial and residential properties--this characteristic mix was probably instrumental in the creation of the unique working-class neighborhood found to be so attractive to people today.

Within the last couple of years there was a proposal to permit the operation of a 'garden restaurant,' which would regularly have music in its outdoor area, in the building at 906 Williamson Street. Our cooperative is completely opposed to any project with an element of outdoor music being added to the area of the intersection of Williamson and Paterson Streets, due to the already excessively-loud music coming regularly from the business located at 852 Williamson (the Willy Street Pub & Grill, also known as the Wisconsin Inn), despite our good faith efforts to work out an accommodation with the owner of that business.

Sincerely,

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