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Weier, Anita

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Attn. 18th District Alder Anita Weier
Neighborhood meeting - Troy Drive

Dear Ms. Weier,

I am in receipt of a card announcing the above referenced meeting of concerned residents to be held tomorrow night. Unfortunately I can not be in attendance but want to share with you my concerns about the proposed Wisconsin Historical Museum and Veterans Museum storage facility. As a property owner on Woodward drive, this area of the north side of Madison contains significant green belts and is very much a neighborhood of residential housing. I greatly oppose this proposed building and parking lot. I fear it will increase traffic, develop green space currently zoned as conservation space and open the way for further development which will erode the residential quality of life in our neighborhood.

There can be no justification for re-zoning this conservation acreage into any type of industrial or limited manufacturing use. I urge the City of Madison to carefully review and consider the effects of destroying natural green space for a storage building. If the State of Wisconsin Administration overview expects the proposed building to be approximately 56 feet, that is no 2 story building; likely several stories. They forecast 11 acres to be developed into a building housing 75 people with a 34-slot parking lot. These estimates may be low and even if accurate, may proceed enlarged development in the future. Thus, I fear they underestimate the ultimate number of employees, parking lot size and impact of the "human" foot print on this open, protected land. The destruction of natural land, displaced wildlife, creation of infrastructure, additional pollution and traffic are all negative effects on our community. At a time when we are all aware of dwindling open land, I ask the City re-zoning officials to take note of the negative impacts of such a plan and then, should they approve re-zoning for this project, ask them to justify such drastic change to our north side community and the quality of life of our residents.

Further, as budget deficits are of significant concern to many of us, how can the State possibly explain building and funding a warehouse? Please represent us in demanding the State to clarify the funding sources beyond private sector fund raising. Transparency on all these issues is due our community. A financial accounting explaining how a warehouse somehow gets budgetary priority is due not just the Troy drive community but the people of Wisconsin. I understand the land at issue is part of the Mendota Complex, owned by the State of Wisconsin. As the State of Wisconsin is the steward of this property, I ask you to remind those representing the City and the State to undertake a thoughtful and thorough review of this re-zoning

proposal and oppose it.

Ms. Weier, thank you for your representation of our interests in this matter and amplifying the voices of our neighbors who want this land left as conservancy property.

Sincerely,

Susi Hughes