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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in about deep concern for the possible destruction of Native American burial sites in the Roth Street site. As a long-time resident of Madison's northside, I have always treasured the neighborhood's indigenous burial mounds, but have also mourned the thoughtless destruction of about 80% of the mounds along my street with the construction of housing.

Surely these sites are so important that a thorough site investigation is called for. Such sacred spots, over a thousand years old, call for our care in building for our own needs.

Please take the time for a thorough evaluation of this site. Future generations will thank us for this.

Thank you,
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Dear City of Madison Park Commissioners and city staff,

As a northside resident and longtime advocate for protection of burial mounds, I urge you to carry out thorough evaluation and investigation of the Hartmeyer-Roth site before making any decisions concerning its future.

We know that in many places across Wisconsin that where there's one burial mound, there usually are others. The presence of the large burial mound on Roth Street should be treated as a clue that other burial mounds, or evidence of other human activity, might be found in the area. We should find out what's there.

We must not repeat the errors early Madisonians made when they destroyed thousands of mounds and ancient sites to build this city. We are on Ho Chunk land, and, in my view, every decision the city makes regarding land use must be made with this in mind. We cannot fix what was destroyed, but we can commit to not mindlessly repeating those mistakes.

I urge you to take swift action to carry out the necessary evaluations and investigations of the Hartmeyer-Roth site before making any decisions.

Thank you

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