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Subject: Proposed 5534 Medical Circle & 5555 Odana Road Project
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Attachments: [Aerial View Medical Circle and Odana Road.pdf](#)

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Dear UDC Members,

We are the directors of Montessori Children's House (MCH). Our non-profit school, 501(c)(3) has been in business since 1964, and located at 5530 Medical Circle since 1991. We serve families with children ages 18 months through 6 years during the school year and 18 months through 10 years old during the summer. MCH is state licensed, City of Madison Accredited (one of the first programs to be accredited in the 1970s), and a verified American Montessori Society school. **Our school is located next door to the proposed development at 5534 Medical Circle & 5555 Odana Road.**

We recently viewed the UDC recording from September 17, 2025 - the information presentation by Bear Development. **After watching the recording it became clear to us that you were not made aware that we are next door to the proposed development and would be surrounded by it. The developers referred to other neighbors on Medical Circle (us) as "commercial users."** During the presentation, concerns with the pool were mentioned several times, but at no point did anyone wonder about the implications for the preschool next door. Additionally, a photo that was included in their presentation (at 4:15:29) labelled "existing building from Medical Circle east" did not accurately show the view to the east from 5534 Medical Circle, instead it showed the west side of that building. If it had shown an accurate view looking east, you'd see that our preschool and playground are directly next door to the proposed development. We've included some photos to show the view looking east and north towards Odana Road.

Our playground is directly south of the building A development at 5555 Odana Road. The existing structure (Supreme Health Club) is currently about 200 feet away from our playground. The proposed development would move building A about 100 feet closer with balconies looking down over our playground. Obviously, we have security/safety and privacy concerns with this as we use our playground year around, up to 3 hours per day and as most people know, outdoor play is an important part of early childhood education.

We've attached the aerial overview from the presentation with our school and playground labelled. **And we'd encourage you to see for yourself with a drive down Medical Circle.** You are welcome to pull into our parking lot and have a closer look.

Thanks for you time!

Jim Lottridge & Laura Kvalheim

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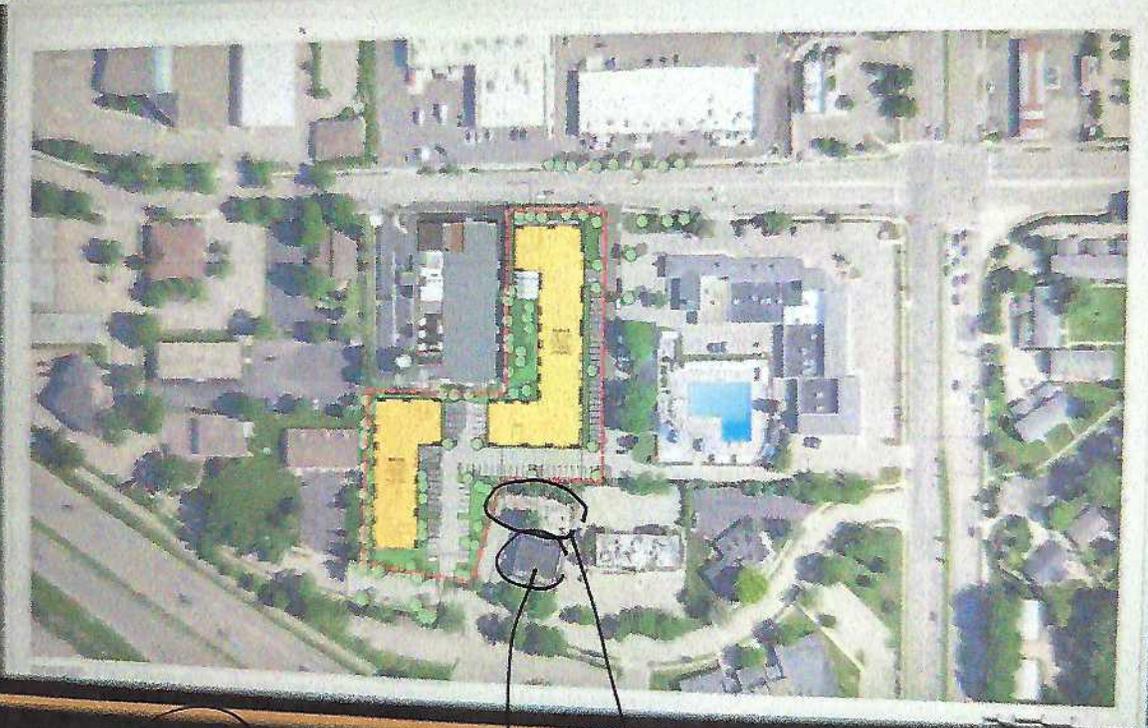
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MCH
Playground

Montessori
Children's
House (MCH)

Serving
18 months - 6 years - school year
18 months - 10 years - summer

