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Madison Urban Design Committee
Madison Municipal Building
215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Ste 017
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RE: Public Comment - Strongly Oppose MDC Development of The Avenues

Dear Urban Design Committee Members:

My husband bought our house in 2008. We have owned and occupied the house since it was purchased. We are about to expand our family, we are having another baby in September. We will then have two small children, two years old and younger. Adding 44 units and a 4-story building three houses down from ours, does not encourage us to stay in our neighborhood. In fact, I'm feeling as if we are getting pushed out of one of the last affordable neighborhoods on the Isthmus.

- My number one objection is the size of the building. 4 stories in a neighborhood of bungalows is absurd – those units will overlook my backyard, taking away any sense of privacy we once had. Offering each unit a balcony to overlook my backyard is not a selling point to me. This development will dwarf our neighborhood and our homes.
- The huge influx of people/units and the concerns this creates for neighbors has not been adequately addressed.
- How does MDC plan to unify The Avenues campus???
- I believe it is a conflict of interest and inappropriate for MDC to solicit support for their project from their own tenants.
- It is irrelevant that MDC board members support the project, their letters of support are in poor taste since they don't reside in the neighborhood and one would gather, they are already in support as they serve on the MDC board – I too could have asked my friends and family to write letters saying they do not support the development. My parents would have happily obliged.
- In multiple letters of support for the project the neighborhood is villainized, and it's made to seem that we object to more residence, diversity and or affordable housing, which could not be further from the truth. I'm a proud resident of Emerson East, we have one of the most diverse schools in the district, East High School, in OUR neighborhood. I know personally we have LGBTQ families, families of different ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds, as well as multiple generations represented in the neighborhood.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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