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Agenda item 43 (87158) refers to a TIF loan for affordable housing to EC Residential LLC, an affiliate of The Mandel Group. The Mandel Group describes itself as “the leader in the development and management of luxury apartment communities in Milwaukee, its surrounding suburbs, and beyond” on its [website](#). This relationship between EC Residential and The Mandel Group was not clearly identified in the agenda item and I had to dig through associated documents to get to this fact. I find this yet another example of a lack of transparency on the part of local government. ***I would ask that the Common Council put a pause on this agenda item*** until the relationship between The Mandel Group, EC Residential and any city employee conflict of interest to the project could be explored further.

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