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Dear Plan Commission and Alder Evers,

I missed the opportunity to attend the plan commission meeting last night but thought I would offer my support of the development. I read through the Q&A from a neighborhood meeting where many thoughtful questions were answered. After reading this exchange and having been a part of a similar conversation about development in the past, I fully support the proposal for mixed use with the number of units originally proposed.

Our neighborhood is highly desirable for many reasons but the shortage of housing makes it difficult for many to enjoy it. Adding mixed use development enhances the positives -- it brings more people to our businesses, it creates more possibilities for community, it brings the possibility of even more thoughtfully planned development and it provides much needed housing in an area that has historically been slow to open to others.

I live next to a mixed use building and heard many of the same arguments against development that are being offered here -- more traffic, less light, changing the "feel" of the neighborhood. The developer worked closely with neighbors to answer questions and address concerns. After 3 years with our neighbors we have not noticed an increase in traffic except for new neighbors walking their dogs and frequenting our businesses. We do have a longer shadow on our house and sidewalk, but the people I've met and the stories they've shared have made our neighborhood even brighter, despite the shade. As for the "feel" of our mostly single family neighborhood, I appreciate the diversity that a well-designed apartment building offers to our "skyline" but the best part is the people who live in the building.

I look forward to hearing the outcome of the meeting and hopefully to welcoming new neighbors to the near west side in the future!

Sincerely,
Amy