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To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: July 11 Plan Commission meeting
Date: Sunday, July 10, 2022 11:51:17 AM
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Good morning,

Below are public comments on behalf of Access in support of the 3401 E Washington project, described as a former bakery site.

My name is Joanne Holland and I am the Chief Financial Officer of Access Community Health Centers. Access continues to be very supportive of the plans to redevelop the site formerly operated as a bakery. For nearly 20 years, we have provided primary care services – medical, dental, behavioral health and pharmacy - directly across East Washington Avenue from the former bakery. The extensive plans presented by Wisconsin Housing Preservation Corporation reflect a thoughtful approach to building design, integration into the community and will offer workforce housing that is high in quality and affordable. We appreciate the leadership that Alder Abbas has offered to the community throughout this process and are pleased to see ongoing, coordinated improvements evolve that reflect an investment in the future of this wonderful community.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,
Joanne

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To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: Support Agenda Item #71657
Date: Saturday, July 9, 2022 8:52:15 AM

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Hi,

I'm writing to ask you to please approve the conditional use application for a development at 3401 E Washington Ave. This is exactly what the city needs right now to keep up with growth and to create and maintain affordable living.

It's on the future BRT path as well, so it's a sustainable long-term project that will be conducive to public transit. We need this in our city and I hope you approve it as quickly as possible!

Thanks for your time,

Ian Jamison

From: [Maggie Freespirit](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#); [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: Monday, July 11, 2022 meeting Agenda Items 3 - 6
Date: Friday, July 8, 2022 2:20:42 PM

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To the Plan Commission,

I am writing to express my support of the redevelopment project at the former Gardner Bakery/Bimbo Bakery site by the Wisconsin Housing Preservation Corporation.

From what I have seen and heard in previous meetings with the city and the developer, this seems like it will be a great project, as nice as the Ella's development which is in my neighborhood, and close to this proposed construction.

These are some of the reasons I fully support this project:

- ALL of the 245 units will be affordable housing, and that is desperately needed.
- on major bus lines so less transfers to get where people need to go
- will be on the BRT lines
- across the street from a medical clinic
- very close to Madison College's Truax campus
- close to grocery stores and pharmacies
- walking distance to an elementary school
- the developers are including green space and will be making the space inviting to passersby as well
- they are including community rooms, vehicle parking, and!! bicycle parking

I respectfully request your support of this project.

Thank you,
Maggie Freespirit
2302 Coolidge Street, Madison

From: [Mitch Thiemann](#)
To: [Plan Commission Comments](#)
Subject: Agenda item #71657
Date: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 2:14:21 PM

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Hello,

I am writing in regards to the Bimbo Bakery Site development project proposed by WHPC. I am a resident in District 4.

I gain no direct individual benefit from this project. I am simply a concerned Madison resident with a passion for less car dependent urban design and resilient urban development. I will be able to attend the meeting, but I would like to share this written comment.

The introduction of 250 affordable units will be filling a much needed hole for this neighborhood and the city in general, especially in such a prime location. This location encourages use of the BRT system, and will help citizens be less car dependent. Citizens who are not car dependent can choose the cheapest option for transportation, rather than be shackled to a car payment, car insurance, gas/electricity prices, and other car related expenses. The best way to increase the wealth for lower income individuals is to allow them to exist in society without unnecessary expenses like those that come with cars. Instead, those folks can focus on food and housing.

This is a chance where we can make this piece of land productive again while also allowing folks to start growing wealth. I would hope that this piece of development is approved.

Mitchell Thiemann

Hello Alder Abbas,

I am writing in regards to the Bimbo Bakery Site development project proposed by WHPC. I am resident in District 12, just this year purchasing a home on Coolidge St. I am also an employee at WHPC. I am an accountant, not on the development team, and I gain no direct individual benefit from this project. I will be unable to attend the meeting on this matter, but wanted to briefly share my thoughts regarding your concerns.

Since moving to the Eken Park neighborhood, I have had firsthand experience of the impact the F-35's have. While not in the most zone most affected by these nuisances, this neighborhood is far from unaffected. I do not find these jets a significant deterrent to residence in this area. The interruptions and aggravations my family and I have endured have been short-lived. Even in the face of significantly increased F-35 traffic, I do not regret our home purchase for a second.

Further, the introduction of 250 affordable units will be a needed boon for its neighborhood and the city in general, especially in such a prime location.

It is also my understanding that the development has taken the impact of the F-35's into serious consideration. Accommodations have been made to combat the problems caused by the new jets, going beyond what a profit driven developer might wish to commit to. One of the main reasons I work at WHPC is I firmly believe in our mission to maintain and preserve affordable housing, and the people I work with are committed to ethically pursuing this end.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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