

Dear Counsel Members:

For people like me, this new building means a safer neighborhood, a cleaner environment, modern facilities, a better standard of living and an aesthetic improvement to the landscape and community. It's that simple. I write this letter as a concerned citizen, a resident of 145 Iota Court and most importantly, a member of the community who stands to gain in many regards from the new building in question. My name is Chris Head. I am a third year law student at Wisconsin and have lived at 145 Iota Court since I moved to the Madison community a year and a half ago. And I, like many residents in this neighborhood and community, support the proposed building.

I don't need charts, tables, graphs or studies to point out and highlight the positive effects a new building will provide for this neighborhood and community. I have lived at 145 Iota Court for the last year and a half and am intimately aware of the many issues that are the unintended consequence of the current buildings' layout and design.

I see the disregard and destruction of property that results from the lack of security in and around the dark corners and poorly lit properties. I see the safety hazards and dangers from the layout of the current buildings; most specifically, the unintended corridor running along the lake between the various Sororities, Fraternities, Co-ops and other buildings.

Instead of using the designated walkway on Langdon to traverse between Iota Court and Carroll, one that's well lit, safe and secure, residents and visitors to the area navigate the risky and hazardous corridor that now runs between various buildings and properties; which is the accidental and unintended result of the current Buildings' layout and design. The corridor is poorly lit, filled with various obstructions and unmonitored; allowing for, if not encouraging, a wide range of unsavory conduct and behavior that would otherwise be deterred if those same residents and visitors were forced to use the public walkway on Langdon.

Although I monitor the parking lot for Palisade Property in exchange for a small reduction in rent, I have no stake or vested interest in the outcome of your decision. I graduate in May and when my lease expires in August, I'm moving back to Milwaukee. Accordingly, my opinions and position are based solely on my knowledge and experience of living in the neighborhood and community; not the result of bias, self interest, financial gain or any other questionable motive.

In addition to the issues and benefits I've already outlined, I strongly support this new building because the current buildings are dated, both visually and physically, lack many of the most basic and modern amenities and unfortunately are an eye-sore in the neighborhood and community.

I've had a chance to review the design and architecture of the proposed building and from what I've read and seen, it would be a vast improvement to the look, feel and design of the area and neighborhood. I also believe the proposed design is consistent with and maintains much of the historic character and style so coveted and emphasized by proponents of the neighborhoods history.

This city has a long history of moving forward and prides itself on progressive and positive change. Let's continue that tradition and move forward with this new building.

Sincerely,

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