

Firchow, Kevin

From: Saul Glazer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, June 01, 2018 9:49 AM
To: Firchow, Kevin
Subject: 700 East Johnson

Kevin,

I write this in complete support of the 700 East Johnson project. On June 4, I have to be at Take The Stage which is the annual Overture Fundraiser. I will be at the City Council Meeting.

I have lived in Madison since 1981. I own a home at [REDACTED] Sidney Street, near Tenney Park (purchased in 2000). I lived on the Near East Side, by the Avenue Bar from 1990-2000. I drove a cab for three years, and know every square inch of Madison. I am a bike rider and a bus rider.

My day job is a construction attorney. I also do some tax assessment work. I have been involved in many of the major Madison projects over the last few years, such as The Ovation, The Hub, The James, the Park Hotel remodel, Marina Place, 100 Wisconsin, and 2550 University. I have no interest in this project, nor I am representing the developer in this project.

By chance, one of my close friends lived in one of the buildings to be torn down, back in the early 1980s. He lived there because he was a college student with a dog. Very few rentals allowed dogs. This building allowed dogs because it was in horrible shape in the early 1980s. I am familiar with all the buildings in the proposed project site. Almost all are in terrible shape and beyond repair. The developer was not responsible for the dilapidated state of these buildings. They have been like this for years. There is nothing about these buildings of any historic value (and I love historic buildings—and if anyone were worth saving, I would want it to be moved).

The site is on a main road. It is not in the middle of a single family residential neighborhood. The site is perfect for someone who wants to bike, and not own a car. You don't need a car to live there. It is in Madison's prime bus routes, and so you can take the bus when bike riding is impractical for the faint of heart (like six months out of the year).

This is the perfect spot for this project, and will continue the incredible and amazing transformation of the Near East Side. Having spent the better part of my adult life on the Near East Side, it is heart-warming to see such a vibrant pedestrian and bike friendly area, with amazing local restaurants and shops. You owe it to these businesses to allow for continued infill higher density housing. This is the highest best use for this property, and will add much needed property tax dollars to the City.

Thank you for your consideration.

Saul Glazer
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From: Jack Gugger [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2018 9:20 AM
To: Firchow, Kevin <KFirchow@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: 700 E Johnson St project

Kevin,

As a longtime owner of the buildings 744 through 748 E Johnson St I'm in favor of the proposed development in the 700 block of E Johnson St.

Jack Gugger | President



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