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Dear Mr. Ziehler,

I am expressing my concerns about the proposed demolltion of the New Samaria apartment building and the construction of a new 50-unit apartment building to be located at 6640-6700 W. Beloit Rd. My Fiancé and I own a duplex on 67th Place, just behind the New Samaria building. A 50-unit apartment building is not in the scale for this neighborhood, which is primarily single and two family houses. There are no apartment buildings in the area that approach the size of the proposed project. This is a quiet neighborhood that will be disrupted by such a large project. Furthermore, if the proposed structure is larger than the existing building, my back yard will lose morning sunlight causing issues with my garden and the gardens of my neighbors.

Will there be enough parking available for the 50 to 100 additional cars that the residents of the proposed structure will bring to the area? How about guest parking? The on-street parking in the area is limited, especially with alternate side parking regulations set by the City. I have to park my work vehicle on the street, and I am concerned that this area will become as congested as the East Side of Milwaukee if a 50-unit apartment building is built without sufficient off street parking.

Will the demolition/construction disrupt access to the alley behind New Samaria? My Fiancé, our tenant and myself park our vehicles off of the alley, as do most of our neighbors. I am concerned that we will not be able to have clear access to the alley during the demolltion/construction phase of the project. If the alley is not accessible we will have to park on the street, causing more congestion and necessitating parking permits for three additional vehicles from my household alone. I hope that I am not responsible for this additional expense. Construction would also create a lot of noise and dust in our area.

What are the proposed demographics of this apartment building, and what will happen to the current residents of New Samaria? This is a peaceful neighborhood, which is what attracted me to West Allis when I relocated here. The current residents of New Samaria have given me no troubles since I moved into my house over two years ago. Another concern is the type of housing that is proposed. This is primarily a working class neighborhood. An increase in low income housing will drive down property values and increase crime in this quiet neighborhood.

In conclusion, this project is TOO BIG for this neighborhood.

Sincerely,



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