

Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs and Strategic Planning on 2025-06-12 1:00 PM - HYBRID MEETING

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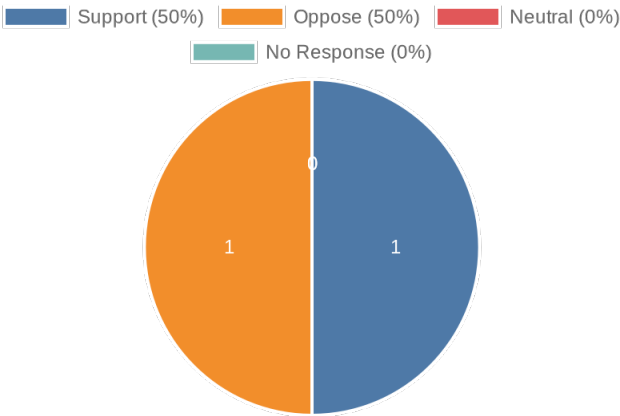
eComments Report

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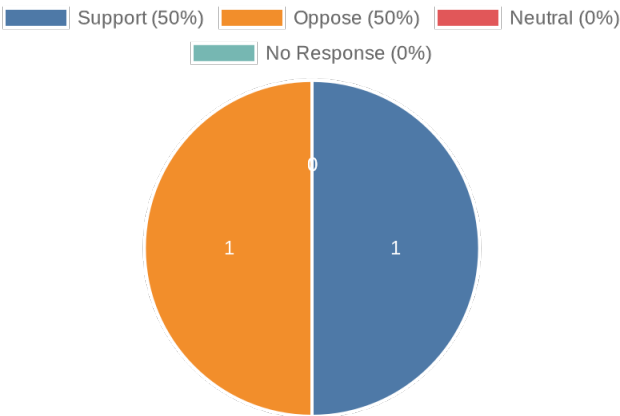
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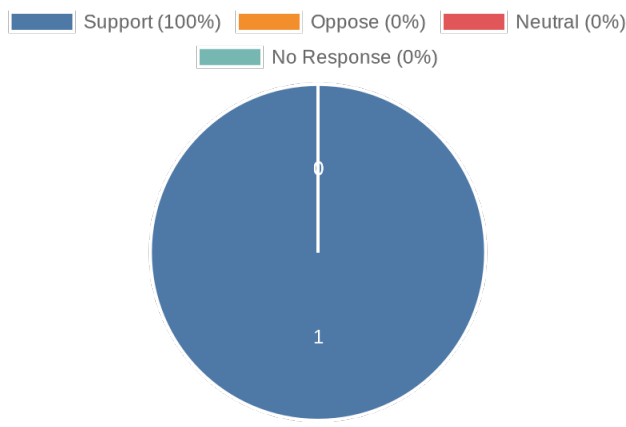
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Overall Sentiment



Amber Miller

Location:
Submitted At: 11:17am 06-10-25

Hello, I'm Amber Miller, Senior Assoc. State Director of Outreach with AARP WI (located in Milwaukee, WI). For nearly 60 years AARP has been fighting to make our all our communities great places to live. This means having access to safe, affordable and accessible housing. The combination of a shortage in rental housing, rising development costs and stagnant incomes are among the factors driving the growing housing affordability crisis affecting U.S. cities. With Milwaukee County being the FIRST county in Wisconsin to be accepted to the AARP Age-Friendly Network of Communities and States--reimagining McGovern Senior Center into a mixed-use senior center and affordable housing represents a bold step forward in promoting inclusive, age-friendly living that supports older adults' independence, well-being, and connection to community. We appreciate Milwaukee County supporting the 50+ population and the meaningful steps being taken to improve quality of life for older adults.

Thank you,
Amber Miller
AARP WI

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Overall Sentiment

Support (0%) Oppose (100%) Neutral (0%)
No Response (0%)



Emily Grandy

Location:

Submitted At: 1:14pm 06-12-25

I strongly oppose the plan to lease McGovern Park land for redevelopment.

This action follows in line with recent land sale proposals at the state and federal level, which Americans across the country have roundly and firmly rejected. In Florida last month, Gov. DeSantis's plan to give up critical wildlife areas for development were crushed by strong public opposition. Before that, the outdoor community mobilized to successfully remove 500,000 acres of public land sell offs from the House's version of Trump's spending package. See the trend?

One thing that sets Milwaukee apart from most urban areas is our access to public green spaces. Once that land is leased or sold, it's gone, and we will never get it back. Further, it will set a terrible precedent, making it easier for the next elected officials to do it again.

Housing is incompatible with parkland. Our County parks are not vacant lots, they are rare, precious spaces set aside by our forward-thinking predecessors. Especially in a predominantly Black community, we should be protecting every inch of green space available, not taking that away from local residents and wildlife.

While Milwaukee County and Jewish Family Services (JFS) have claimed that the footprint of the project will take up no more land than the existing building and parking lot, the lease documents suggest a much bigger area of parkland to be dedicated to the new construction and parking lots. At a time when area agencies such as MMSD and local governments are investing heavily in green infrastructure to mitigate climate change impacts, it is unwise and contradictory to plan new impermeable surfaces on Milwaukee County's parkland.

The project does nothing to financially support Milwaukee County Parks. County government and JFS has made no promises about ANY additional funding to the County Parks in exchange for utilizing precious county park land. This project does nothing to make our parks financially more secure.

Why use parkland when vacant parcels are available across the City? While we do have a need for additional affordable housing for seniors, it is not necessary to use parkland when there are ample empty lots and underutilized existing infrastructure elsewhere that might be usable without jeopardizing our Milwaukee Parks

heritage.

I urge you to reconsider this housing project and urgently evaluate the potential climate change impacts of the proposed redevelopment.