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Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 11:46 AM
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Cc: Village President Neil Palmer; Village Trustee Katy Cornell; Village Trustee John Domaszek; Village Trustee George Haas; Village Trustee Kim Irwin; Village Trustee Patrick Kressin; Village Trustee Thomas Michalski
Subject: School Sisters Redevelopment Plans

To the Village of Elm Grove board members:

I don't live in Elm Grove. So your decisions regarding the buildings on the School Sister's grounds will not affect me. But after reviewing Mandel Group's visionary redevelopment plan, I felt compelled to add my two cents.

I grew up in Elm Grove, and went to St. Mary's. My father, Ned Grede, was one of the Village founders. Elm Grove today is among "The Best Suburbs in America" because of the planning that began over 65 years ago.

My father always preached that the purpose of any board member is to plan for perpetuity. Not for this day, or tomorrow or the next. And not for your constituents today, or tomorrow or the next. The plans set forth by the founders 65 years ago were written for the people who live in Elm Grove today.

I hope this board will make its decisions with the same foresight in mind. Perhaps 65 years from now, the Village will still be among America's best suburbs, and the trustees will be trying to determine how best to preserve those beautiful Mandel buildings as well as Maria and Notre Dame.

Best regards,

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