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Hello Councilmembers,

I would like to make known my opposition to the sale of the monitor street property to Karl Schilling. Tiffany and Co's proposal is, in my opinion, much more in line with the values of this city and would create a more effective and prosperous site in the medium to long term. I am a small business owner myself and know many others who are in desperate need of affordable space. I really think that this could help our city to grow its tax base and to be competitive in terms of attracting small businesses and entrepreneurs to the area. We do not need another massive developer to move in to the area. Tiffany and her team's mission is to provide affordable rates to regular small business people who are trying to make a go of it. I would like to see the city more active in subsidizing both affordable housing and commercial spaces, however I understand that can be a challenge from a fiscal perspective. This seems to me a feasible and attractive middle ground option for the city to be able to make a real difference in the lives of its hard-working citizens. While you may see a lower initial sale price with this move, I think in the medium to long term it will go a great distance in helping to foster a vibrant, exciting, and competitive city that is inclusive for anyone willing to put in the work.

I am hoping to move some things around in my schedule to be able to be present at tonight's meeting but please know that I am firmly opposed to the sale of the site to Mr. Schilling and Property Logic. They have, according to their Facebook, over 180 residential and commercial properties already. Let's bring the laboratory of democracy back to Wisconsin and create a city that provides innovative opportunities for all.

Thank you,

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