

February 19, 2006

Honorable Mary Ann Smith  
Alderman – 48<sup>th</sup> Ward  
5533 North Broadway  
Chicago, IL 60640

Dear Alderman Smith:

One of the missions of the Edgewater Historical Society is to support the preservation of the historic architectural character of Edgewater. Given this mission and desire, the Edgewater Historical Society, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board on January 21, 2006 voted unanimously to support the proposal for **B1-2 Zoning** on both sides of Broadway, as it runs within the boundaries of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward.

We find it unfortunate that down zoning is one of the few options a community has to ensure preservation. The Edgewater Historical Society recommends you consider the creation of a design review committee, with the charge of creating design guidelines and the power to ensure a quality outcome of a proposed project so that we and our future generations have something to preserve in years to come.

The Edgewater Historical Society has identified a number of buildings on the Broadway Avenue corridor, and grouped them into four categories, which have historic significance to the Edgewater community and may potentially fall victim to banal development, under other zoning options. (see attachment lists) These four categories are as follows:

**Category A:** Buildings in Edgewater's first commercial district; The Bryn Mawr – Broadway Historic District

**Category B:** Buildings which represent examples of the north side's first automobile showroom row on Broadway, including former showrooms or upscale garages

**Category C:** Buildings that are historically and architecturally unique in Edgewater and/or buildings on the City's Orange List

**Category D:** Buildings that are substantial or interesting enough to merit a bias towards preservation and/or recycling

Sincerely,

The Edgewater Historical Society

Att. Category A-D EHS Significant Buildings  
EHS Significant Buildings List By Broadway Avenue Location