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Re: Relocation of McDonald's Headquarters to the West Loop

Representatives of Neighbors of West Loop (NOWL) were present at the community meeting on June 22 to learn about the proposed McDonald's headquarters site at 110 N. Carpenter and to better understand residents' perception of the planned development.

In general, most residents seemed to be receptive to the proposal, especially the inclusion of 300 parking spaces within the footprint of the building and the corporate shuttle that Sterling Bay intends to provide for commuting employees. However, residents have expressed reservations about the location of the main entrance on the east side of the building (Carpenter Street) as well as the additional congestion that the area is expected to experience due to this development.

As demonstrated by the arrival of Google and other recent major additions to the West Loop, the McDonald's headquarters will further accelerate the popularity and the unprecedented growth of the West Loop. This will add stress to public amenities such as the local schools, parks, public facilities and infrastructure. We are encouraged by Alderman Burnett's mention at this community meeting of increased green space and a neighborhood library being associated with this project. Improvements such as these are needed to balance out the impacts of larger developments like McDonald's arrival.

[Neighbors of West Loop](#) (NOWL) is a neighborhood organization formed by residents to bring together people in the West Loop who want to make a positive impact on our vibrant community. Our goal is to empower residents who wish to volunteer their time for the West Loop. We believe in transparency and the idea that every resident should have the opportunity to be informed and to be heard on issues that affect their community.

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