



**Henry Davis, JR.**  
2nd District Council Member

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**Councilman Henry Davis Jr.'s Response to the Drewrys Brewery Property**

Although I am pleased that the Drewrys Brewery property will be cleared in 2023, any joy that I have is tempered by the fact that the citizens of the Northwest Side have had to live in the shadow of a property that was an economic burden and a safety hazard. Quite simply, it is hard to imagine that this situation would have been allowed to fester for more than 50 years had this property been in any other part of our city.

We will never know how many economic development opportunities passed this neighborhood by because the multiple city administrations had no plan to develop the property, no plan to hold multiple absentee owners of the property accountable, and no plan to deal with the myriad of health and safety hazards that those living near the Drewrys property were exposed to.

However, that neglect is consistent with the lack of investment that has long plagued neighborhoods located west of the river. The mayor has shown a lack of concern for residents who live in challenging situations. Over the past two years, we have been discussing environmental justice and racism and we keep hearing the mayor say that we are growing, and everything is fine.

The country has a history of exposing the poor and people of color to some of the most inhumane treatment while suggesting nothing is wrong. I beg to differ and call foul on the actions of this Mayor and his administration. The members of this community deserve to live in a safe and accommodating environment.

Mediocrity cannot be our goal and development can no longer be an afterthought. The citizens of this community deserve so much more. Grandstanding on rubble that residents and children see every day is inappropriate and insensitive to the pain people in this neighborhood deal with daily.

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