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living near the school have driveways, the streets belong to the community, the city; the school is part of the city therefore has rights to the street parking. 94. I would just like to let you know that the student body here at UW\_Milwaukee will always be here. It's your choice to make us a problem. As a commuter student I find it appauling that there isn't more student parking for extended periods of time. It is always a hassel for me to park my car on a street for an hour then have to move it to another location for an hour. With less spaces for students to park, it would be more difficult, especially during the winter, to find a parking space. With all the money that we students already pay to the university, why make it easier for students to get parking fines? this additional cost to anyones budget sure would cause a headache. So when thinking of passing RPP, please keep the students in mind. Remember...you were in college once too. Why is it taking Bella's Fat Cat on the corner of Oakland & Linnwood so long to get their act toegther? Why is Sentry Foods so pathetic as a grocery store? Why are you as alderman not focusing on bigger issues that truly affect neighborhood relations than gouging away at UWM and those who are paying dearly to get an education? Be a real representative of the people! This would force many UWm students to find alternative parking and/or walk, which, if you consider that some courses (one of mine for instance) run until 10:10 at nightm would be a huge safety concern for the city of Milwaukee. Parking is already so limited and even when you pay for night passes and day passes - you still wind up receiving tickets (and the appeal process is so unresponsive). Should we be treating our community members (which includes our student body) this way? Shouldn't we be protecting them and giving them some more reasonable and safe options within the city of Milwaukee? If the City of Milwaukee expects graduates of professional programs to stay in 298. Milwaukee, and contribute to the general welfare of the city, it needs to show a litle more respect for them as students. It is ridiculous to take away parking spaces. More bus routes/times were 299. promised and not delivered, and now there will be even less parking. Doesn't the city already make enough off uwm students by scamming them with "street sweeping fridays" and 30 minute parking, who has 30 min classes? To begin with, we are paying thousands of dollars to attend the University and 300. further our career in the workforce, and then you are going to go and take away parking for us to do this!? I think if this is put into affect, it will discourage future students from attending since most of the students at UWM are commuters. I know I would discourage anyone I know from attending UWM. Why would you want to go to a college that does not even have the decency to provide you with a convenient place to park? I'm sure they would be better off somewhere else. I'm a city resident and it is urgent that property owners at least get a parking 301 space for their property tax. I believe the parking citations are becoming way out of control. I first started 302. school at UWM in fall of 2000 parking citations were \$12. The following year they went to \$18. A year and a half later tickets jump to \$35. Now Alderman votes for taking more of the few parking spots from college students. He also finds it a good idea to tow hundreds of cars weekly. When is it going to stop Alderman (You are a pirate in a suit.). I deeply appose any decision you make. To propose this action will force you out of your position soon. (This is a rude

comment.) Mike D'Amato rot in hell. Have a good day!!

While I understand the local residents concern, I also sympathize with students. There is inadequate parking at campus. There needs to be additional off campus parking with shuttles, or a parking ramp. I am only oncampus one eve a week, and car pool with 2 other evening students, otherwise would take the bus from work on the east side. When I was an undergrad 25 yrs ago, I didn't have a car on campus because even back then parking was an issue. I live at the dorms, and parking on campus is inpossible, so I keep my car at a Upark, which is a huge hazard. Cause I have to wait for the bus to get ther, and the same back. Having a car is supposed to be convenient, not a hazard. I wish there was an easier (and closer) way to keep your car on campus! You know what we were all thinking on campus? There just aren't enough students down here on campus to fill all those spaces we have. We don't have sufficient time in our exhorbitantly busy schedules to wait for park and ride busses. And 90% of the time, the city bus just isnt an option for commuters. Parking is a public freedom. UWM students are part of the public (we pay taxes). UWM is growing and there are not enough parking spaces on campus to provide for all the students commuting by vehicle. He's making it hard for students who live outside Milwaukee County to get to school. They have no other way since there isn't really a bus that is reliable to get them to school. It is hard enough finding parking now for those students who don't live on or near campus by implementing the RPP it is going to make it even harder. Instead of RPP I have an idea. Why not have students pay for a parking pass to park on a certain block radius from the school? This way the school, or maybe some of the money can go to the city, can be profiting from the students parking. This will give the students motivation to find different means of transportation, at the same time offering them a pass to purchase if they wish to do so. Maybe you should give students preferred parking. Instead of treating us like we don't exist and towing our cars to remind us of this. I never get to park anywhere near campus and I think is ridiculous. It is already hard to park down there as it is! If anything the hourly parking should be raised! I have gotten two parking tickets in one week because I was 10 minutes late to get to my car. Well, I guess I am SOL that I had my class all the way at the other end of campus and because there was no parking near my class I had to park there, so I guess I should just except the consequences...no thanks! Get real with this parking thing, there is no way reducing 700 parking spots is a good idea! Street parking at UWM has eroded tremendously over the last 30 years, and this measure is taking the trend too far. Students are already in a compromised position trying to pay school loans, car payments, rent, etc. We should be a bigger focus, we vote as well. I am wasting at least 20 minutes of my time every day to find a place to park my car hoping that I won't be late for my class. Why not discriminate against ALL citizens that take their cars to work? This is discrimination against already poor students. I have read that UWM is a predominantly commuter campus. More parking spaces are desperately needed for students. Most residences around UWM already have private drives, however public parking is limited. Not even UWM's

lakeside parking is enough (you can observe this by watching how fast the lake

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parking fills up in the morning). Many of your constituants on the east side are students, you should think about their needs. UWM students are taxpayers, as well, as residents near campus; therefore, Why can't students be guaranteed a parking space while attending school? Students have enough stressors to deal with, homelife, homework, job, children, etc., Please don't add parking difficulties to the list! We already lose spots during street steeping Fridays, that's stressful enough! Put yourself in our shoes. I think it is a horrible idea. Those people that live knew what they were getting themselves into when they moved to a college campus area. They cannot say that this was never a problem before because the school has been around for more that 30 years. Parking is alreay an issue without this, how we supposed to get to school. In cases like mine, public transportation is not an option because I live a Oconomowoc and work and go to school in milwaukee. I do not want to get home at a 11 o'clock at night taking the public transit and then wake up at 5 am. When am I supposed to do homework? I think this is the worst idea the alderman has come up with and it makes me feel like he does not care about students even though they are the future. 119. If residents don't like dealing with living near a major campus they should move. Parking and parking prices are already ridiculous, don't add to it. If anything, make it better for us students. I am a commuter student who works full time while pursuing my master's, and I 321. am struggling to pay bills and tuitionso street parking is a necessary economical option for me. Moreover, due to long lines and crowded parking garages at times that I am hurrying to get from work to my late afternoon and evening classes, I need available street parking to attend my classes. I think it is a good idea. It is time to seriously consider other alternatives for transportation to an urban campus than driving a car. RPP is a terrible idea! I make use of street parking in the evenings when I am <u>323.</u> unable to take the bus. There is simply not enough campus parking available to students as it is. I rented a house down near campus during my sophomore year and I also had a car with me. I was able to park in the back of lot and almost never needed to park on the street while I lived there. The majority of people who park on those streets around campus are probably commuting students, not residents of the area. 24. Students make up a huge percentage of this neighborhood, why make things worse for them??? parking at UWM is enough of a hassle already, please, please do not make it even worse by proposing this. University officials already know that parking is a BIG issue and they are working on alternatives, let them handle it. Parking is extremely difficult if not impossible at the present time. To make it 326. even a traumatic daily experience? May God have peace on your soul. 327. Please keep the spots open It is difficult enough to find parking on campus without having to worry about 328. getting tickets. Many students don't have the time between work and class to take buses to get to campus. Personally, I think that there should be more parking for students, perhaps another parking garage that is provided for us with discounted rates. It seems that the government forgets how expensive higher education is and they keep finding ways for college students to have to pay more just because we

desire to learn.

- **229.** Mike, I have been a supporter of yours for awhile now, but with this new proposal you have forced me to lose all respect for you. The parking situation at UWM is already quite ridiculous. Parking at the lake front and taking the yellow buses looks good on paper, but for students who have other obligations after class, such as work or other activities off campus, the yellow buses are not adequate. It can take upwards of 15 minutes to catch one of the buses and then another 15 riding the bus to my car. That means after my class gets out it usually takes at least 30 minutes to even get to my car in order to get to work. With all the of the construction going on with the Marquette interchange and with the 43 construction it can take me 30 minutes to an hour to through the Zoo interchange at 3pm, 2 hours before the peak of rush hour. Parking on the streets surrounding UWM is the only way for me to shave off commuting time. All of the residents that live near UWM have parking spots on their property. There is no need to make parking at UWM more of an inconvenience for students. If you do get RPP passed I will quit my job and spend all of my free time telling people about what a horrible job you are doing for the city of Milwaukee until you are voted out of office. Regards, George A. Beutel
- We already pay taxes for these streets. Most of the locals have garages. Besides, WE the students are at school day after day, year after year- we are the residents of the school and we desreve some respect!
  - Please do not proceed with punitive parking practices. I, as a full time student and hard working tax payer, do not support additional parking restrictions adjacent to the UWM campus. I drive to school and cannot afford additional restrictive practices of this nature. Please find some other way in which to solve local funding issues. Students are burdened far to heavily in our society as it is. Thank you, Joe Ventress N. Pulaski St. Milwaukee, WI 53202
- I am a commuter who quite frequently has to use the parking spaces near campus. I also teach on campus and where would my students park if these spaces were taken away? They already pay me \$25 an hour so to ask them to wait 30 minutes to park in the ramps and then pay an extra fee is ridiculous and not fair.
- I agree that residents around UWM should have preferred parking. However, when new additions are built, like the Klotschke Center, appropriate student parking should also be added. I live in Janesville, WI, and make use of the various park and ride lots around town from Hales Corners, to McKinley Park. They're great!
- The residents in the UWM surrounding area knew well before most of them moved here that their homes are basically on a college campus. Although the number of students is rapidly growing, these are things that were to be expected, when they moved in. Also, I believe that your true intentions are not being stated. You know that if you implement this policy you would be sucking more money from college students, it just too easy.
- students get so many tickets because the streets are checked so many times a day, police are scraping college students clean of any money they actually have left and passing RPP would only cause more unnecessary problems and grudges
- What we as students already have to go through as a result of the tight parking situation is ridiculous. How unfair to basically ticket and tow the cars of college students who have no choice but to commute to school. Should you really be penalizing us?
- 37. Sometime we have to drive to school, and we need that opportunity!
- Personally, I work full time hours, pay for all my schooling, supplies, living expenses, and vehicle. Seeing as though I commute everyday because I cannot

- afford to live by UWM, I rely on being able to park somewhat close to school because I can't afford to wait for buses. Sorry for inconveniencing you. Maybe next time I should be more considerate when I capitalize on helpless poor students who already have financial problems of their own. Why don't you tax all your doctor friends in Whitefish Bay, and leave us at UWM alone.
- Build a parking structure with state funds for student parking. Lower rates, and we're happy.
- As a graduate student who also works, my time is limited. I take the bus as much as possible but for those days when it's just not possible, it is just that. I usually end up parking in the parking structure and paying between \$3-5 a day (also difficult for a grad student with not a lot of time on their hands for working...) I think something definitely needs to be done but why not build some more parking structures first (and lower the costs a bit?), then do the RPP? I understand this is a matter of money, but I feel it's long overdue. I live on Brady and Farwell, anyway we could get some residential preferred parking over here? Sounds ridiculous, doesn't it?
- I support the proposal residents pay taxes, and are forced to deal with the inability to park in front of thier own houses, rowdy student parties, neighborhood streets littered with trash and broken beer bottles. Students do need a place to park, and it it the responsibility of the university to provide it, not the neighborhoods.
- Where are students suppose to park? Going to the off campus sites and getting a ride via a shuttle bus is unsafe at night and very inconvenient (time wise) when you're a night student and a have a family and job during the day.
- He needs to deal with the fact that this is a student neighborhood. He can't change that. He should take his shit up with the university
- 44. UWM was here long before you or your constituents moved in. They should understand the situations involving living around a university before they take up residency
- I live directly west of campus on Oakland, own a car, work part time, and have the same trouble as non-college students finding parking after work. I do not think that RPP is called for because there are already too many parking regulations only X number per address, night parking, calling in... the list goes on. RPP would not only be a pain college students, but also one more parking headache for area residents.
- It is hard enough the way it is to find a place to park around campus that allows you enough time to get to and from class. All streets within a 3 block radius of campus should be unlimited parking. We are broke college students, don't make it any harder for us.
- 47. How can you be such a bias person, of who hates students?
- I agree there is a parking problem around the UWM campus and actually live in an area where streets are full during the day with commuting students cars, but I believe the streets are a public entity and should not be given to public residents many of whom have parking in a garage.
- Alderman Mike D'Amato should not be the Alderman in this district. He does not offer help or alternatives to the parking problems UWM students face. He only seeks ways to increase the city budget, and make life more diffucult for students who live off campus. Parking is one of the major reasons I strive to take equivlent courses that will transfer at other schools.

| 350.         | This is a horrible idea!!  |
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| 51.          | Don't buy a house within a few blocks from a major univeristy if you want to find easy parking outside. It's definitely not the cheapest and best place to live. So people in those neighborhoods new what they were getting into before they purchased the house.   |
| <b>152.</b>  | This is more regulation that is unneccessary.  |
| 53.          | I'm all for having RPP, but only if students are gaurenteed certain parking spots as well.   |
| <u>154.</u>  | Mike D'Amato needs to do a better job of being more encompassing of the interests of both the student population and his constituency (a majority non-students)  |
| 55.          | using RPP is a horrible idea becasuse students pay enough in touition and books as it is. Why would someone who is supposed to care so much about todays youth want to make it more difficult for them to attend their classes and get a good education?!  |
| 56.          | I live on campus and I need a spot for my car. Those who drive to school should take the bus or be prepared to use the humbolt parking lot. If you cant find a spot for parking maybe you should live on campus and not commute! I am all for Alderman.  |
| 57.          | How are the students suppose to beable to afford college tuition increase as well as parking in the first place, and now we will be fined for parking in the places that we are already do. There are not enough parking places now! Should we just stop attending classes because of PARKING, or stop attending UWM all together  |
| <u>358.</u>  | Face it RPP is just another device to squeeze as much money possible out of UWM students well bang up job mike! you have found a sure fire way of getting your precious street revenue up. i have paid hundreds of dollars in parking tickets i hope that you are enjoying your new sofa i go to school to get an education, i work as much as possible, every ticket you write takes food or rent or school supply money out of someones pocketgood luck i hope that your increase in parking tickets makes your heart a little warmer because its making a bunch of young peoples feet a little colderyou suck   |
| <u>359.</u>  | I think we need more time in parking or we need additional available parking on the campus.  |
| 360.         | Give us a break!!!!  |
| <u>361.</u>  | WELL UWM TUITION DID GO UP AND I FEEL THAT IT'S NOT RIGHT TO HAVE A STUDENT'S VEHICLE TOWED AWAY WHILE IN CLASS. IF THAT'S THE CASE, GO BACK DOWN ON TUITION! AS LONG AS TUITION IS UP, THEN I WILL SAY ALL THIS FUSS ABOUT PARKING IS CRAP. I MEAN, WHAT DO U EXPECT? IT'S A UNIVERSITY!  |
| 362.<br>363. | The university and student population are responsible for the high land value in the campus area. Implementing this parking policy is a disservice to the main contributors of the land value for the area since it only affects members of that group. This policy directly attacks the student body at UWM with utter disregard for their already strained financial hardships as college students and may even result in more students moving to the area (so they will no longer be commuters). By drafting this policy, the community is now aware who Mr. D'Amato listens to, and which members of his constituency he coldy brushes aside. Implementing this policy is cold-hearted, selfish, and unwise of Alderman D'Amato. |

friendly? I'm sure a hybrid plan could very well be instituted. Why doesn't the city of Milwaukee offer daytime parking stickers similar to the night-time parking stickers? Overall, I believe the notion of having to pay to park your vehicle in front of your home, is punitive to the homeowners who are already paying property taxes. To continue forward with the current residential preferred parking could be construed as very "Bushesque". That is to say, implementing policies that are designed to penalize many working students, while likely generating revenues (be they small or large in portion) to benefit an already flourishing middle-to- upper class neighborhood is politically negligent to the entire Milwaukee constituency.

- I'm 27 years old and I want to continue my education. How am I suppose to come to campus without any where to park? Your making people not want to attend UWM. I'm a teacher for MPS and need a quick and easy way to find parking. Maybe I should give my money to another university.
- Yes, I am sure I speak for other students as well, but sometimes I must choose from missing an exam or getting a ticket because there is not enough time on the meters(2 hrs.) I have to walk from one side of the campus to the other. Is there some way we can get a reduction on tickets? It is really a hassle to try to park to get an education. It is the last thing we should have to worry about. You can relate because maybe you have attended college and realize the everday challenges?? I would like a response to this please. Perkinsf@uwm.edu
- Students are already forced to take on large tuition increases annually. UW-Milwaukee is a large commuter school, student housing is limited, and parking is already scarce. I have lived in numerous houses along campus and never encountered a problem parking when I got home from work because of UWM students. The majority of students are in and out of a space within an hour or two at most. After 5 or 6pm most students are gone until the next day, and most residents don't arrive home until after this time anyway, so where lies the problem?
- It is already hard enough to find parking down at school. You can't take away parking from students.
- What would you like students to do to park for classes? Do you support educational opportunities for the residents here in Milwaukee?
- I believe the Street Sweeping program implemented every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month is taking advantage of college students who are trying to support themselves while living a few blocks off campus. Considering this is only implemented on the East Side, it seems that D'Amato is taking advantage of college students and others that do not have the privelage of off street parking. It is impossible to live and get parking on campus if you are older than a freshman because there is no room in the dorms, even for the freshman. It seems a little unfair that every month the city is gaining hundreds of thousands of dollars from towing cars at eight in the morning when there clearly is not enough room on one side of the street for residential cars to park.
- **70.** Parking should be free for commuters.
- Students are the life blood of Milwaukee's East Side. Instead of fighting against students in favor of the wealthy east side taxpayers, how about you take the side of the student for once. You should realize that UWM is a commuter school and it needs all of the parking spaces that it can get. Realize that students are residents of the area as well, and by treating them poorly you are taking away votes for yourself. Asshole.
- 372. Its difficult enough to find parking around this campus, what with your

unexplainable hatred of students. We're 28,000+ strong- we bring much needed funds to the area, yet you treat us like third rate citizens to be gotten rid of or kept in a box in the basement and not talked about. I resent your treatment and the underhanded way you are constently going after students. It was a sad day indeed you were voted back into office. I hope it never happens again.

- This proposal is selfish, inconsiderate, and greedy. Most of the people in the area have garages and driveways. Street parking is not needed by them, but mostly by UWM students due to the fact that the parking structures are insufficient. The fact that meter parking is expensive and does not last long enough is ridiculous enough. Now, this?
- Trying to find parking around campus is already difficult enough. I live and have a job a half hour away from campus and have to leave campus right away most of the time to go to work so waiting for a bus to take me to one of the satellite sights isn't exactly convenient or practical. Even though I work close to full time I can't afford to pay for parking around campus so the only feasable option for me is finding street parking and to be quite honest I don't think most residents have a problem finding parking after coming home at 5 pm. I leave campus around that time and there are always a lot of available spots to park.
- I would like Alderman D'Amato to know that it is already extremely costly to attend UWM and to take away our parking would be very severe to students. Alderman D'Amato needs to understand that there are also people who attend UWM that determine his reelection and so do our families. To take away the opportunity of parking would be very detremental to UW and I don't forsee this being approved.
- I think its right to have people who live here have places to park there cars overnight, this only seems correct. But this is an issue like Plato states in "the republic" the painters picture can become too perfect. That this sounds good but the implementation will prove to be almost impossible, if you get rid of those spots to students they will create a problem by parking somewhere else. Dont shift the problem to someone else, let people deal with it like they are it seems to be worked out pretty decent, and your parking ticket task force which is always out here in huge numbers seem to be doing a fine business from it.
- Alderman D'Amato, I feel that accomodations in the city of Milwaukee need to 377. be made to ensure that students can attain a higher education. I have been affected not only by the current situation at UWM's campus but also at the downtown MATC campus. I have incurred much debt trying to make sure that I am able to attend class. The bus pass is nice and is an option that I do utilize. However, the days in which I need to rush from class to work means that I must drive my vehicle to school. Sufficient parking is not available on campus, not can I afford to pay parking structure fees that may entitle me to a parking spot provided that their is availability. A full class schedule means that I must be on campus on most days for approximately four to five hours and sometimes even more. I would prefer to worry about what I am learnig in the classroom, rather than whether I will be receiveing a parking ticket and if I do get one how I will be able to pay it off. I prefer to spend my money on the raising tutition costs. This parking situation desperately needs to be addressed. I know students who are unwilling to attend schools located within the city due the current parking situations. It's time to get a handle on this.
- Mike D'Amato, it is time that you realize that the students of this campus support the wealth of your constituents. We put money in their pocket because of the flood of students needing housing. It is only a matter of time until you are over thrown. You care nothing about students and I hope that you leave Milwaukee soon. You have made life complicated for students and lessors.

- I think that those who live near the campus already have the luxury of being close. I come from Waukesha and I have a hard time finding a spot at times. I think that if we were to implement preferred parking, obviously near-campus students would have an easier time getting to closer spots for parking, but to think for a win-win situation, fairness to all and the chance for those who don't live near campus must be considered.
- D'Amato, I encourage you to read my whole message here. I do offer a solution 80 that is best for both parties. First off, you must not have gone to school at UW-Milwaukee because an idea like that puts the students at a significant disability. For as little parking as there is on-campus, forcing students to now park even further away from campus is an utterly ridiculuous idea. Secondly, if it's implemented, students cars would then be towed?! Now this proposal has become ludicrous. For as high as tuition costs already are, we would then run the risk of having our cars towed and possibly damaged by the impound yard, then to pay a significant fee to get it out? Once again, ludicrous. And finally, if people are so concerned about their precious parking space outside their houses, why doesnt UW-Milwaukee build a parking structure. Oh, that's right, BECAUSE THE PEOPLE WONT ALLOW CONSTRUCTION. So tell me, rock or a hard place. You choose. If you want cars off the streets in front of your precious voters residences, why not convince them that the building of a parking structure on UW property isnt such a bad idea. You would KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE. Think about it.
  - I think his plan is just making it harder for students to go to class and learn. These people knew when they moved there that the college was there. Its just like when people move in by an airport that was already there and then complain about the noise. People moving into those houses knew that students would be parking there.
- 82. Where the hell else are we supposed to park?
- It is hard enough to find parking by UWM. More measures should be taken to create parking spaces for students, not take them away. Taking parking spaces away will only deter students from attending UWM, allowing the cities economic growth to weaken.
- I live by the campus and need the street parking. I think people that live near by need the parking. Many houses and apartments already do not have enough parking spaces since they are only given one per apartment. I agree that UWM students need more parking if they are driving to school, but not if it takes away from residential parking.
- The area around campus with non-student residents contains mainly individual and multiple family homes, not large apartment complexes. Most of these homes already have private off-street parking. Do they really NEED extra street spaces, or do they simply have an aesthetic desire to see the front of their houses clear of unknown vehicles? Don't take away our parking spaces-- rather, give us better parking options in combination with the county bus system and U-park buses. Their systems are less than desirable at this point. You'll see less cars on campus.
- **386.** Think of the students.
- A plan such as RPP is discriminatory against college students. Many of the parking spaces used are street parking in front of houses which have ample driveway space. Students are parking during typical buisness hours in which many of the homeowners are at work or other places. By 5pm, many of the students have left campus for the day and those that still have classes can usually find plenty of spaces in the parking decks. The homeowners who bought their homes knew that they were in a university neighborhood and should have known

that they would have people parked on their street during the day. Personally, as an alumni of UWM, I feel that parking on the street is one of the few options students have left to them as an answer to the parking problem. Many of the decks are full by 9 or 10 am, and the lots seemed to fill even sooner than that. Where else would students park and still attend classes? Some have said that the park and ride lots or even public transportation are there and should be used, but this is not always a feasible answer for every student who attends the university.

**388.** Get the students in the Residential halls more parking

389. When attending class regularly at UWM I got a parking ticket on the average of two times on month. Twenty dollars may not seem like much, but when it adds up to nearly 200 dollars a year, that is a fairly decent chunk of money coming from a single student who is already spending a lot of money just going to school. Couple that with the fact that most students that live off campus probably pay at least five parking tickets a year and it becomes quite obvious that the city is making more than its fair share of money from a group of people that already have a limited income. As it stand right now the parking laws surrounding UWM are already designed to milk students out of their money, with most streets only having one hour parking. The average class period on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays is 50 minuets, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the classes are an hour and twenty-five minutes. If you do the math you can see that on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays it is nearly impossible for a student to park, go to class, and get back to their car in one hour, unless they parked in an unusually close space. And, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, it is impossible for a student attending class to be parked for any time under an hour. It is no wonder I got so many parking tickets! Now apparently, you would like to make it even harder on students. The tickets are already bad enough, but now you are talking about towing their cars. I understand that your constituents around UWM see the student's cars as a nuisance, but the simple fact of the matter is UWM did not just spring up over night, it has been there for many years. Now, before you dismiss that last sentence as sarcasm, my in-laws live in Orlando Florida, very close to the University of Central Florida. When they moved down in 1997 UCF had an enrolment of around 20,000 students. Now UCF has an enrolment of over 40,000 students. When they first moved to Orlando UCF wasn't even an issue for them, now it has increased crime, traffic and property value in the area. They have a right to complain because these weren't problems when they first moved in. However, the constituents around UWM have no right to complain, they moved to that area knowing, full well, that there was a large university there, a large university with a very poor parking system. These people knew what they were getting into at the time they moved to the neighborhood. Furthermore, UWM is a major reason why the property values are so high on that side of Milwaukee, and it is a major reason why the River West section of your district is undergoing a renaissance. Therefore, the home owners in the area should be happy that they've got UWM there to keep their property values in a seller's market. Finally, the parking around the school would not be so bad if UWM would build a massive parking structure, so students could park off of the streets. They have the space near the Koltsche Center or the Downer Woods Conservation Area. And with the Supreme Court's new ruling on eminent domain laws, maybe UWM could seize some property on the other side of campus to build another parking structure. With fair parking prices, the streets would, in all likelihood, clear up very quickly, and then if students got towed for parking on the street, they can't claim they had no other choice. You might think the idea of the university seizing land to build a parking structure is ridiculous, but so is the idea of towing the cars of students. Sincerely, John-Peter Trask

UWM Students are residents of Milwaukee too! If students don't get reliable parking then they won't bring their car then they won't spend as much money on

|      | food, clothes and entertainment because it's too far to walk.  |
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| 91.  | If you chose to implement this program, you need to decide on a more effective parking situation for UWM students. Where are they supposed to go. Sometimes taking the bus, walking or biking are not valid choices when time constraints are an issue. Students are an important part of the community as well.   |
| 92.  | It's not obvious yet that it's all about the revenue. Maybe you should add a few more parking checkers and change the parking restrictions to 20 minutes.  |
| 393. | I would like to say that I live on the eastside of Milwaukee and where I live this wouldn't really affect me. I live on Prospect and Belleview and with all of the apartment buildings in this area, there is not enough room for parking to begin with. Also, since that is six blocks from campus this isn't going to help my situation.   |
| 394. | Upseting such a large portion of the student body is not an effective way to handle this situation.  |
| 395. | mike to be honest last time i didnt vote for you but i did vote and i cant wait till someone gets you out of the east side. you my friend are an embarrassment to the student body your disregard for college life is quite baffling. i hate you as a politician and hopefully you lose your next election. and when it comes to parking give us a fu\$#in' break  |
| 396. | It sucks   |
| 397. | I don't wish to support RPP until the spots taken away are added by some additional parking.   |
| 398. | It is not reasonable to disregard student concerns about street-side parking because of the option to use MCTS and UPark bussing, because these resources are already being used heavily, sometimes to the point where students are unable to get to campus when they need to.   |
| 399. | I have lived on the East Side of Milwaukee for 7 years now; before I decided to attend UWM. I have long been frustrated by the inconvienence the massive amounts of cars on the street contribute when school is in session. There IS a DISTICT difference in the ability to find parking around UWM when school is out of session versus in. Additionally to the difficulty parking, the congestion this causes is not safe. People walk out between park cars frequently. It is also to make turns at controlled intersections due to blind spots created by parked cars. There are plenty of options for the commuter with the park and ride lots. People need to stop being so lazy and walk more. |
| 400  | The parking situation at UWM is atrocious. The park and ride is usually full and the bus system is not convenient.   |
| 401  | Where are else are we going to park??? It takes too long to grab the campus buses.   |
| 402  | Through the building of the new parking structure on campus more needed spaces were being added. By initiating residential preferred parking, it seems that there will be no benefit to students looking to park on campus and it will mean the money spent on the parking structure will have been wasted tax payer dollars.  |
| 403  | . Nothing.   |
| 404  | where are we supposed to park if we can't park near campus? the other options like park and ride lots are not sufficient enough for teh volume of students!!   |
| 405  | To my knowledge, the streets of Milwaukee are public, not private. Our income,   |
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sales, state and property taxes go into the upkeep of these streets. To close them off to the general public-student or not-would be a violation of our rights as citizens of Milwaukee. If Mr. D'Amato has such a problem with the University and the students that attend, he should reconsider his position. We, as students and employees of the university, bring an immense amount of money to the city and it's businesses. The negative attitude towards the university is beginning to drive people to look at other schools--this would have a big impact on the economy of the area. The consequences of implementing the RPP far outweigh the rewards.

- The residential parking is very helpful for people like me who are willing to walk 3-4 blocks to class instead of waiting for yellow buses which during rush hours can get so crowded that there is no room. I also know that my car is safer in residential areas rather than other car parked areas be of past incidents.
- This campus is an assett to the community and if you look at the percentage of parking spots to the number of students it is much less than must universities of comparable size. Either let us build more parking garages which are for the most part opposed by residents or support the tram system linking the university with the rest of the city which would also link to park and ride lots that wouldn't get full during peak periods.
- Although I am a student who is renting out a flat in the UWM area (and I have my daytime parking pass), I really am against taking away spots for students who drive to school. Taking the bus can be such a hassle, just give these kids a break. I've never had trouble parking in my neighborhood...
- Many students commute a long distance to the university and deserve the right to have adequate parking. UWM students bring money into Milwaukee and deserve to be treated with respect.

- This is unbelievable. It is hard enough to find parking as students, and this idiot should start thinking about us important assests to the city. Mike D'Amato is an inconsiderate prick, who aught to think about someone other than the rich people who complain about a street that they can't buy or own.
- If you are going to eliminate some of our street parking, please provide UWM with more busses that go from McKinley Marina and Veteran's park to campus. The wait time is horrible at some times during the day and by having more busses circulating the area, students would be able to get to class and get home within a reasonable time frame. Then the street parking problem wouldn't be such a big deal.
  - When arriving at work do you expect to find all the people who live across the street parked in a reasonable walking distance to your employment and additionally you can only park for two hours? Or are you on the bus?...? While school and employment differ it could be said that much of the reason why people live in old houses with no driveways is because of the social and ecomonic prosperity caused by students. As the eastside will and surely increase in population over subsequent years it is delaying the issue of owners of houses to step up to reality and get some form of parking on their own land.
- Coming from a student who tries to use the U-Park lots available to students as much as possible to give residents in the area without parking spots a better chance to find a spot, I still am not in accordance with the RPP (Residential Preferred Parking) Plan. Sometimes, as life is unpredictable, there is a need to rush to class whether it is for an exam, or just simply not to arrive late to class. Not only do many of us students not have a bank account overflowing with money, we also do not have time upon running late to wait in a line that goes 2 blocks down Kenwood to get into a parking structure. Nor, do we have the time

to stop at a U-Park lot, hoping the buses that pick us up there will arrive on-time. The new parking lots in the Klotsche center will cost a lot of money, and they were not meant to be implemented as substitutes for other parking spots. These parking spots are being implemented because of the severe shortage of parking spaces - on and off campus. To exchange spots in the streets for the spots that are being made at UWM - is to nullify the strong effort UWM is making to accommodate students and their need to obtain an education. I understand the way many residents feel, and that they would like a place to station their car, however - most of the people living in the neighborhood moved in knowing the surrounding streets were available to everyone - and that there was a very big university near them. Furthermore, seeing the streets are indeed public property, it is immoral and seemingly illegal to assign a piece of public property to a certain amount of public, but not to the rest. Thank for your time, and I am sure that if you think about all aspects in this issue, the streets will remain a public domain for all people.

- I'd like for Alderman D'Amato to personally write me back explaining why parking regulations are stirctly enforced in the UWM area so much more than other areas. Could it be that we are being unfairly targeted. Does he look at UWM and the parking problem that surrounds it as a way to increase revenue for the city by obsessivly writing tickets? Mr. D'Amato, your personal response is appreciated.
- He needs to realize that students make up a huge chuck of the people that he is suppose to be helping. He also needs to realize that students do count because we do pay taxes and we do vote. I think that if he would start thinking about how to help improve parking for students rather than how to rid of us, he would be able to solve the problem much faster. He should remeber that he once was a student also.
- When I first looked in to going to UWM, many of the people I talked to described **4**16. it as very much a commuter school. After studying there for 3 years, I would tend to agree with that assessment. I drive to class every day - not because I don't want to take the bus, but because my schedule doesn't allow for it. In addition to being a full time student, I also have a job that takes up my entire weekend and, sometimes, all of my Monday. I spend much of the rest of the week studying at various places around the city. I used to go to Barnes and Noble at Bayshore Mall, but since that's been torn down, I find myself increasingly out at the one at Mayfair. It takes a long time to drive there, but it takes an even longer time to take the bus. If I took the bus out to Mayfair to study for a few hours before class, and then went directly to class from the mall, I think I would lose a good hour of study time. With all the demands on my time, I cannot afford to lose that hour. So, I drive. And then have to find a parking spot. If you've ever tried to find a parking spot anywhere around UWM, you know that it is a nightmarish process. I fully support the idea of residents having designated parking spaces. However, it is not practical. If this new ordinance is put into effect as I understand it, there will be many vacant resident parking spots while those residents are at work. So, what's wrong with UWM students using them? I can empathize with their parking plight - it's the same one anyone who drives to class has to deal with. I, however, have no sympathy for them. UWM didn't just spring up on Kenwood. It's been there for many years, and the people who moved close to the university must have realized what they were getting into. Why can't these residents park in their driveway? Or their garage? While I understand that some houses don't have driveways, most have garages. I don't recall seeing any that were less than a 2 car, but I have seen many that were so full of junk that you couldn't fit 1 car into them. Why not clean out the garage? Why should UWM students have to suffer bigger parking nightmares than we already do? This is what life around a university is like. I suggest people get used to it or move out.

117. | Keep it fair. 18. I feel that residents of the dorms should be allowed to park at school. I think its absolutly absurd that Alderman D'Amato is trying to complicate parking for students more than it already is. I personally leave my house an extra 45 minutes early just to ensure the fact that I will have time to find a parking space and get to class on time. I have already received multiple parking tickets, many of which we're given to me within minutes of my alloted parking time expiring. I am a student on a strict budget and cannot afford to keep receiving tickets. Having RPP is going to complicate the parking issue even more, to think that this is even being considered is beyond my comprehension. **420.** It is rediculous and many students need to drive to school. Not only because we can't afford to rent a place on the east side but also because at certain times we need to go to work promptly after classes. You are destroying the University. **21.** parking is bad as is.... This is a "commuter" college (i.e. students do not live on campus, there travel to and from it every day). It serves the interest of the student body, and the reputation of the city, to support this university and facilitate ease of parking for students. To continually impose restrictions on students striving to get an education, is an extremely short sighted and misguided approach, and I have little respect for an administration that does not extend good will and support toward its university student body. If you are going to impose this rule you should make it easier for people in the city to get bus pass and encourage people riding thier bikes. Parking will always be a problem for UWM as long as there is a weak metro-**124.** Milwaukee mass transit system. The increasing gas prices should also help regulate how many people drive to UWM. Why not offer more frequent bus service? Has Alderman D'Amato taken the time to find out where the frequent travelers come from? Has the Alderman tracked the changes in parking since the increases in gas prices? Parking problems are a consequence of a larger transportation issue -- why not address the larger problem? Best of luck in getting this implemented. Residents SHOULD have priority to **125.** park in front of their homes over students who foolishly choose to drive and refuse to use the UPARK lots. **426.** I feel it is so unfortunate that he must continue to attack an institution that brings so much to the city of Milwukee. There are ways and means which can be reached. It's called common ground. City streets should only be limited to public parking since we all pay taxes for the roads to fixed, repaired and maintained and it would only be fair for students to be able to park on these streets they help maintain and it woul only be fair for students to park by campus because it's in plain and simple terms it's there public freedom to do so. This is just beyon rediculous, it's discrimination twoard the furure of society. WE can't Park by our schools, we give our lives up for your Wars, we wont be able to recieve any of our Social Security that we pay so dearly to, what's next Baby Boomers..... **127.** There should be a proposal to give us longer time limits to park on the street, even if we had to buy a seperate permit or something. It should not be made even MORE difficult for us to park. Education should be encouraged and it should be in the alderman's best interest to do what it take to make it EASIER for us to get to class on time, without having to stress about a ticket! **28.** This is rediculous

- 29. It's tough enough to find adequate parking on a budget right now. RPP will cause the students at UWM further burdens that they don't have the resources to shoulder. Please reconsider!
- Parking is a major issue for students. I would not recommend going to UWM if you would have to drive to school. I am also going to consider transferring if this comes into effect.
  - Students need those 720 parking spots. Obviously with parking being an issue on campus, I'd suggest building parking structures so that students could have a place to park. That way the non-student residents would have more spaces available. If building structures isnt possible, then all I have to say is that if you are going to live near a college campus, expect parking to be an issue. It's their choice to live there. If they don't like the parking, then move!
- I am a student at UWM and have been ticketed countless times. I could barely afford to feed myself and pay all the tickets at the same time. I was even recently arrested in relation to unpaid parking tickets. The way I see it this is an example of why the state of wisconsin and the City of Milwaukee cannot keep any of its recent grads. The people in charge of red tape have made it too difficult to remain near what many consider to be an excellent University and an even better community of YOUNG people. By showing preference to residents at the expence of students you are only showing intelligent potential employees, consumers, and TAX PAYERS how unwanted they are in the city's most interesting and stimulating part of town.
- D'Amato even the residents are sick your bitching. I am a student and a resident, leave these kids alone you asshole.
- UWM students and staff have a right to park on the street too! Do you think that your district would be better off without UWM? UWM is the anchor to the neighborhood.
- what are you thinking? i swear milwaukee has some of the most stubborn and 435. unethical bunch of aldermen i've ever seen anywhere. we get proposals that would positively effect the economy and spur growth in our fine city and they get voted down for terrible reasons. i moved here from a town where everything that would be proposed, especially for the youth of the city, would get voted down by greedy and closed-minded senior citizens. i moved here thinking i'd see a change but then i see great proposals get thrown out for far worse reasons. im sure you may think that i'm referring to pabst city, which was actually quite a tough one to decide on. yes, it would have drawn business away from downtown, but i think it would have done good in making an entertainment district downtown more diverse and widespread. whatever though, its hard to imagine we get good proposals that get voted out for idiotic reasons and then get proposals like this ... how can you vote out something that would positively effect the majority of the population and then screw over a large number of college students. i ride my bike, so this doesnt affect me personally, but i know plenty of people who this would effect. granted, parking in this city is a big problem. i live in an apartment and i have no parking options what so ever; atleast that i can afford. honestly... think of the long term effects of such a proposal like RPP. by limiting parking, you're limiting the number of student who have access to campus, thus you're limiting the number of students who can gain higher education and you're throwing more people out into the lower class blue collar work force. do you really want to do that? if you're going to enforce such a dumb proposal and it gets passed through, i hope you really think about it and push the proposal for a more effective mass transit system through. light rail, although expensive, would benefit this city in ways you clearly cant imagine. first there wouldnt be this typical cliche "buses are dirty so i wont ride them" type of look and although the

MCTS is already somewhat useful, youd be reaching out to a large number of people who never considered mass transit. i understand that milwaukee, atleast as long as i'm living here, will never get a light rail system approved, so the rail guided bus system thats being proposed will just have to do. whatever. i say no to RPP unless you can come up with a more effective mass transit system whom more people would be ready and willing to make use of...

- Parking at UWM is ridiculous! You have over 30,000 students slaving to achieve higher education, support the community and city of milwaukee and yet you continue to make it even more difficult to do so by raping them of any sort of parking privialages?! I would like to see some concern for the well being and interests of students for a change.
- Students who do not live in the area are already having a hard enough time finding available parking around school.
- If Alderman D'Amato feels it necessary to designate parking solely for the residents around the UWM area, perhaps, he would like to designate parking solely for UWM students as well.
- The University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee is one of the largest commuter schools in the midwest. Commuter students deserve parking rights.
- I think that if there were more available places to park our vehicles while at class (somewhere close too) I could see them being so strict about parking and giving parking tickets. However, there is no where to park!!! And if you want to park close in places such as the dorms or the union, it gets quite expensive!! We need somewhere close to park that maybe we could buy a semester pass for. Is there anywhere we could build another parking ramp???
- Parking at UWM is a major concern, for both students and residents. UWM is a commuter school and by proposing the RPP program it will make it almost impossible to find parking, especially for students who cannot afford to live on or near campus. One solution would be to build more parking structures, making more parking available for everyone, students and home owners. This would help aleviate the parking problem and headaches.
- This is a communter college, it is not fair to take away more parking spaces in already limited areas. Besides, the majority of houses around campus have their own off street parking with garages.
- I think it is unfair that those students who commute to school are required to fork over so much money for parking. Not to mention that the space allocated for students on campus is such a small amount that finding parking can be a nightmare resulting in tardiness to class. The park and ride program is nice for students that have the time in their schedule to use the program. But this does nothing for students such as myself who are working two jobs plus and attending school full time, as well as commuting. Something should be done to accommodate for this large quantity of students. It is bad enough that tuition keeps increasing to allow for "extras" that the majority of students already do not want/use!
- Alderman, with all due respect, and I know you also have a responsibility to the residents in your district, but you have to relax about people driving their cars. I take the bus about half the time but the rest of the time it doesn't work for me. It's bad enough that proposals were floated to turn Farwell and Prospect into one-way streets (sorry, but that would be awful), and the City traditionally thinks that making it tougher to drive is good for the city (in reality, it makes the suburbs more tempting), but making parking specifically more difficult for UWM students without making some other type of accomodation does a disservice to all. I am a city resident in the downtown area and would like to see the city make

life easier for us, not more difficult. Especially considering the embarrassing taxes we pay and ridiculously aggressive parking ticket policy here. It makes me question why I stay. Bottom line, if you want some version of RPP, please ensure better consideration and accommodation for UWM's students and faculty. Thank you.

- If we can create spaces on campus, then we will not need the spaces on the street. The whole RPP idea defeats this.
- It's already tough enough finding a parking spot off campus without pushing out those lucky few that find on campus parking. If you take away on campus parking, you will have to create more off campus parking options like the park and rides at more locations with more parking available, not that those are not an inconvenience also.
- If this proposal or the many different proposals Alderman D'Amato has made against University of Wisconsin Milwaukee students in the past years targeted at any other demographic group, like blacks, latinos, Jews, etc, Mr. D'Amato would probably be facing a petition with the goal of putting him in prison for his repeated discriminatory practices. His actions clearly show his belief that students are second class citizens and not deserving of living comfortably on the East Side of Milwaukee.
- I know of the great work Ald D'Amato does regarding New Urbanism in 448. Milwaukee, but am unclear why he has such a vengence for students. As a 40 year old career-improving Grad student I am nearly certain to stay in Milwaukee. If I were a graduating senior, I'd be thinking "I can't wait to get out of this f\*\*\*\*ing city." Seriously! After receiving 3 tickets TOTALLY unintentionally in one semester, I realized that you need more than a PhD to figure out the parking regs around campus. In other parts of town, I'll take risks, not feeding meters, parking in a no-parking zone, etc, but I have never intentionally violated parking regs around campus because of the vulture parking checkers there. I'm not sure why there is such a disparity of enforcement. UWM offers plenty of options for students to help alleviate neighborhood parking stresses. Although this survey and the article about resident preferred parking leaves me wondering what exactly is in the proposal, I think that Ald D'Amato and UWM and neighbors need to negotiate a parking permit system that works for everyone. I think Alderman D'Amato also needs to understand that he represents the students as residents as much as he represents the homeowners.
- This will likely result in my transfer to another institution, outside of Milwaukee. Parking on local side streets is currently my best option for easy access to my classes. Without this easy access UWM is no longer as appealing as an educational resource.
- The parking situation at UWM at present is terrible for students. Let's not make it worse.
- This totally sucks. How are students supposed to get to school then if there's no parking available? There isn't always a very convenient bus stop to get to the school from some parts of the area and we can't use our bikes to get to and from the bus stops that do work because there's no way to take the bikes on the buses. So how are we supposed to get to classes? Is the alderman going to come and drive us to class himself?
- D'Amato. This isn't the car dealership. This is a commuter-campus area. We have limited parking problems. Don't be a hater. We put you in office. That's right. We all voted. We put you in and we'll take you out. Remember that one day the "proletariet" student will rise up, rectify, and claim what's ours. And that my dear alderman is a place to lay the four wheels of my car in peace. God Bless America

|            | and God Bless UWM.  |
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| 53.        | There should be more of a focus on expanding public transportation options. This might dissuade more students from driving all the way to campus and would thus solve the parking problem by itself. Rather than focusing on punishment, the alderman should embrace a more progressive agenda.   |
| <u>54.</u> | Just that its not fair that the students should have to risk getting tickets at a place and sourrounding area in which we have to pay a lot to attend   |
| <u>55.</u> | There are many other parking optins but guess what they too are full. Try parking at the Veterns/McKinnely upark. Its full. The students take full advantage of all the transportation options. And not being able to park around the campus is only going to cause more uproar. Most of the residents are probably not even home during the main hours of our school so why do they need preferred parking, they have driveways dont they?   |
| <u>56.</u> | In this situation the phrase "damned if do, damned if you don't" is very applicable. It is our duty as citizens to treat everyone as equals, but it is also critical that we eliminate to the best of our ability the need and availability of personal vehicles due to the numerous consequences of our consumption of various resources on the environment, (or what's left of it.) I am sure there are quite a few students at UWM who live close to campus and commute via their own vehicle. Surely some of us can ween ourselves off of the instant reward of getting there faster, and together improve the status of alternative methods of transportation. |
| <u>57.</u> | Finding parking on campus is horrible, there are never any spots and when you do find one its for an hour and you end up getting a parking ticket!  |
| <u>58.</u> | this is a college neighborhood, get the families out so that college kids can do what they do and thats good old fasion clean fun   |
| <u>59.</u> | Alderman D'Amato seems to dislike, and sometimes purposely hinder, the students of UWM. The university existed prior to most present, non-student residents moved here. Why hinder the success of a university that is quickly builing athletic, academic, and research reknown? By supporting both residential and non-residential students, you will find a lot more student community involvement. Your current idea (RPP) is just one of MANY programs designed to hurt students. We, the students, and the university are not going anywhere, so earn some more votes by helping, not hindering, the future of America.  |
| <u>60.</u> | The amount of street spots you can get per address should change. A six person duplex only allows for five spots, three in the back, two on the street. The sixth person has absolutely no other option. The law is rediculous and should be changed.   |
| <u>61.</u> | It is foolish to assume that students can simply afford to pay for the additional parking fines that are most certainly going to appear as a result of this unwanted and unwise measure.  |
| <u>52.</u> | Tell his constituents that if it's a problem for then don't live by a university.   |
| <u>53.</u> | The regulation on parking is ridiculous. Students are being fined for simply parking to attend school.  |
| 64.        | It's people like you who make the poor poorer and the rich richer. Stop thinking about yourself and start caring about the the comunity around you. This is a college campas, go somewhere else. This place if for kids not old people who try and take advantage of them. YOU ARE A SICK PERSON!!!!  |
| 65.        | I don't understand where you think all of the commuters at UWM will park. Last  |

|                                      | time I checked, UWM is known for being a commuter college  |
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|                                      | I think D'Amato needs to realize how big a part of the community UWM is, and all his proposals and obvious disregard for the campus is ridiculous. Taking parking away from the students is only making the problem worse. If you have such a problem with UWM students you have chosen the wrong profession Mr. D'Amato. There is going to be a big push to get you out of office and I am going to do all I can to help the effort.  |
| 67                                   | Students should be able to park at school for free.  |
|                                      | I think that this is a good idea. I would not consider myself a tree huger, but I still beleive that we are all harming our environment much more than we need to. Everyone driving their own car everywhere every day adds a lot to this problem. Public transportation desperately needs to be improved. I personally drive to school often and park far away, or else I walk the half hour to campus. Walking, we seem to have forgotten, is also good for our health.  |
| 169_                                 | I think it's agreat idea. We have to share this campus with the community and I for one want that community preserved. UwM needs to build some parking structures - maybe at the Columbia Hosptial site.   |
| <del>170.</del>                      | You are basically making the decision for the student. It is not your choice to make on how students get to and from campus, it is the student's choice.   |
| 171.                                 | Great idea!!!!!  |
| <del>472.</del>                      | I think this is ridiculous. If we (students) didn't have enough to worry about and enough to pay for, you go ahead and throw another angle at us. The situation is bad enough as it is with limited parking and limited housing, how are we supposed to accomodate?  |
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| <del>173.</del>                      | No.  |
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|                                      | No.  That idea is garbage, we hardly have enough parking spaces the way things are, don't be a fool.   |
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| 4           | in this area. One of those conditions is that students park on the street.  |
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| 482.        | That it is a bad idea. Some students work fulltime go to school fulltime. who wants to worry while studying or taking an exam about if their car is geting ticketed or towed. These students need to be able focus on school for their future jobs that may help milwaukee down the road.   |
| 483.        | With all the problems that UWM has had with the parties lately, you would think that the Alderman would want to encourage comuters not get rid of them for more on site party canidates!!   |
| 484.        | It is already severely difficult to park as a student, let alone as an art student whose classes are 2 and a half hours or more at a time. Something must be done to help students who commute have access to parking.  |
| 185.        | Where are we supposed to park, if not in front of residential areas. There isn't enough room in the union structure or anywhere else.   |
| 186.        | As a student, I work very hard at school as well as two jobs after school. Having my car is a necesity most days. While the park and ride lots are helpful sometimes, they are often very unreliable and the lots fill up quickly. I therefore resort parking on campus and running to my car between classes to move it; i still however pay for countless parking tickets. It's simply not fair to punish students in this manner. The last thing any of should worry about is our cars while we're in class.   |
| 187.        | Hello!!! Students are paying too much for tuition! Are you really going to put us in deeper debt? I'm sure there are a lot of other issues in your district that you need to focus on; issues that are important.   |
| 88.         | Give us some parking  |
| 89.         | Something needs to be done about the parking problem for UWM students. Seeing as how UWM is mainly a commuter campus, I am shocked at how little parking there is for the students. I realize that the city makes a small fortune off ticketing and towing student vehicles, but this is a serious issue that needs resolving. This Residential Preferred Parking will only exacerbate the issue.   |
| <b>190.</b> | fuck you  |
| 191.        | YOU SUCK  |
| 192.        | If you want to enforce the Street sweeping, I would suggest that signs be put at the end of each block on the day prvious to street sweeping.   |
| 193.        | suck my motherfucking cock you sun of a bitch.  |
| <u>194.</u> | UWM is a commuter college. Students (including adult students) are on campus only temporarily. While I understand the frustrations of the residents, at the same time they purchased the property knowing its proximity to the campus and student parking needs.  |
| 95.         | Stop targeting students, you schmuck.   |
|             | The residents who owm houses near campus are also, for the most part, owners of a garage for personal use. I am doubtful that my parking in front of a resident's lovely house so that I may sooner make use of the increasing financial burden of my education is an inconvenience to anyone save those who value more than I the asthetic pleasure of a house with no obscurities in front of it. In other areas of financially enhanced Milwaukee it is a punishable crime to park on the street for any length of time over an hour or two. I believe that this action takes privacy to the unneccessary extreme of isolationism. What does one expect in a city with a |

population such as ours? Living near a campus and attending that campus has advantages and drawbacks. I only ask that the ones who pay the most are the ones who have the most to gain. Does not the city make enough money from the student's initial investment of living in the city and buying goods and paying for an education to be perhaps applied in the city? Take into account also the unlikelyhood that all students vie for is to park in front of a house all day taking up all that precious space when they could really be using this fine education to go on trips around the campus every hour.

- Isn't there some way to give residents in the neighborhood and students a right to street parking that would be to everyone's satisfaction.
- parking is already very difficult around the campus RPP makes it even more so.
- Just because you have your own parking spot and can afford to pay for however many tickets the cops throw at you doesn't mean we can.
- It's hard enough to find parking as it is. Our school is such a large commuter school that we need as much parking as we can get.
- RPP seems discriminating against students. I think it could hopefully lead more students to taking the city buses to school, which would benefit everybone in the long run a whole lot more than 700 parking spaces ever could.
- RPP seems like some way for you to strike out against students. Do not be an Alderman if you dislike students, because such prejudices should automatically disqualify you from jobs related to teaching or school administration.
- Dear Alderman D'Amato I oppose this measure, I believe that the city is already acting unfairly towards the students attending UWM. There are very little parking options at present in the UWM area and this would make a difficult situation even harder. Most of the street parking in the area has a maximum time of 30min while the shortest class length is 50min. I believe that this is done to tempt students to "roll the dice" and hope to make it back to their cars before the city's parking checkers can give give expensive tickets to a segment of the community that can ill afford them. The residents in this area have opposed all meaningfull attempts to fix this situation citing that a parking lot/structure will bring more cars into the area. What are the students to do?
- There isn't enough parking at UWM as it is. I live here too and I should deserve to park in Milwaukee as well.
- The people that live in this area around UWM knew when they moved here that there is a college here. They're ignorant to make arguments about all of the troubles that the students supposedly cause. The college students are helping to keep this area nice by paying ridiculous amounts in tuition and by paying numerous parking tickets per year. They should stop their complaining and appreciate what they have. If not, they can always move to somewhere else. That's my opinion.
- It's bad enough that I have to worry about my car being violated at the Marina/Vetrans/Bradford parking and now youre trying to take away free spaces and force me to park in the Union structure (which is ALWAYS full) and pay \$1.00 an hour!?
- There is not enogh parking as it is. Students cannot find parking. I commute from work to school and back every day of the week; it takes me 20 minutes to find parking and get to class on time. RPP should be implemented once there is sufficient parking structures (with more reasonable rates) so that students do not have to suffer.

- We already have in place "street sweeping" for the East Side only. As a way for the city to make yet another buck off stuggling college students. Sorry to say, but all I see is tow trucks, no street sweepers. As a student who has had their car towed (left my car for 1 hour to take a test on Cramer), had to have a relative drive 1 hour to pick me up, find the lot in a city that is unfamiliar to me, then have my relative lend me the 120 dollars to get the car out of the lot, I find nothing amuaing about RPP. Residents of the East side have garages and driveways, students have limiting 2 hour parking spaces, with very little space provided by the college. Sure take our money that way, but it will hurt local business around campus since students will have less money. While park and rides are provided even those are not enough, with a majority of campus driving to campus.
- If you don't like the students of UW Milwaukee taking over all of those parking spaces you obviously need so much then move.
- There is barely enough parking as it is now. To take that away will be completely unreasonable.
- 11. it will essentially take away opportunity for some students.
- This is a really stupid Idea. Tuition is high enough as it is and I don't see how towing student vechicles are going to improve the already horrendorus parking problem. Once in a while I run late to class because I work multiple jobs to pay for tuition, and I would be extremely pissed if my car was towed for parking on campus! Most of the students at the dorms don't own cars and are having their parents pay for them anyways, so all you are doing is adding to the already horrible parking problem. If my car were towed I would seriously consider going to a local community college. If you want to help the parking problem build a bigger parking lot.
- The parking dilemma for students on the UWM campus is simply atrocious. I am 513. a full-time working professional taking on-campus classes. Any alternative to driving to campus is not viable for me. Driving is the only option that allows me to arrive at work on time after classes. When I arrive on campus at 8:45 am, the only parking structure open to students during regular class hours (the Union) has its "FULL" sign illuminated, with a line of cars wrapped around Downer Ave. Finding on street parking, even at the early hour of 9:00 am is virtually impossible. If you have luck finding a vacant street spot, you might be frustrated to discover that this vacancy is in a 30 minute or 1 hour parking zone; yet the duration of your class is 1 hour and 15 minutes, not included the 4 block trek to the location of class. I've learned that arriving even 45 minutes to an hour early most times doesn't allow a sufficient buffer to ensure a parking space. I circle campus streets like a scavenger prowling for prey; following students to their vehicles, maneuvering dangerously when I catch a glimpse of some one in my rear-view mirror opening their car door. It is a horrible ordeal to go through every morning. What's more outrageous is that tuition increases annually while the parking spots grow more and more scarce. With as much money as students pay for tuition, there should be ample parking for students. It infuriates me every time I think about it that homeowners surrounding campus have the muscle to reduce the number of parking spots, worsening an already terrible predicament. Don't these people have garages? Weren't they aware before they purchased their property that there is a major state university in the neighborhood? The City has done nothing to alleviate the parking strain either. In my opinion the City has designed this problem to exploit students into generating revenue through immense numbers of parking tickets. God forbid you be 5 minutes late getting to your car to feed the meter. You'll have an unpleasant surprise. You'll be greeted by a \$20 parking ticket. Who can attend their class in an hour? The shortest class

I've ever been enrolled in 50 minutes long. You find a parking spot 4 blocks away. You need about 7 minutes to walk to class. You need to arrive before the class's start time. After class you need about 7 minutes to return to your car to pay the meter. That exceeds 1 hour. I am certain the city is aware of this; yet the meters remain at an hour limit to make them money. I could go on forever about this, but I have to study. PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PROBLEM, PLEASE. IT IS A DAILY NIGHTMARE!

- it sucks. we have to pay MORE than enough for college classes, parking should be free first come first serve basis.
- I think we just need more space for parking and not 30 minutes, or even an hour, how are we suppose to move the our car and get to class on time?
  - Your policies have effected me not only as a student, but as part of the workforce on the eastside. If you ask me you put way too much stock in the opinion of residents who probably don't even vote. It's the presence of the students that keep the "riff-raff" out of these neighborhoods, if we weren't here there would be much more crime, and your job would be much more difficult. The school, as well as many local business' have been here much longer than most of the residents. They knew what they were getting into by moving here. How much money do they bring to the local economy? Now how much do the students? I think it's clear to see who deserves the parking spots.
- 17. It's already hard enough to find parkin garound the school, and if there will be parking structures made, thats ANOTHER thing students have to pay for that they most likely cant afford. The residents who live in the area (a good number of them) already have parking places at their houses in garages and driveways and alleyways, so they should just park there and not try to get "prime parking" closer to school.
- This is jsut NOT AN OPTION for UWM students!
- I think it is the University's responsibility to make sure there are enough parking spots ON CAMPUS. It is not the neighborhood's responsibility to accommodate an ever increasing student population in regards to street parking. Residents who are already paying high property taxes should have (at the very least) some available street parking considering that there are a number of houses in the area that provide very little in the way of alternative parking spots (e.g. garages.) I actually resent being send this "survey". A survey should be developed and delivered without a specific bias. This is just another example of UWM not appreciating that the university is just one small part of a neighborhood that has more than just students residing there. What's stopping UWM from adding on to their own existing parking structures?
- Higher Education is unbelievably expensive without taking into consideration the expense of parking tickets. Most students have accumulated student loans in substantial amounts, and are simply trying to make the most of life in gaining priceless knowledge necessary to live in today's society.
- 521. It is still a public street, and until the tax base that maintains, cleans and upgrades those streets comes exclusily from the residents of the streets I find the proposal offensive. As if in my attempt to further my education, is a bad thing.
- Alderman D'Amato is against turning Columbia Hospital into student housing. Yet he is also against students commuting to and parking near UWM. Maybe UWM should relocate outside of D'Amato's district.
- Due to the overall congestion of Downtown and the East Side, parking will always be a problem; harsher punishments won't alleviate this problem. These

- efforts will only cause a larger divide between students and law enforcement regarding students' abilities to get to and from classes. There should be more parking options available to both students and residents, rather than punishing one in a vain effort to satiate the other.
- I think something needs to be done regarding parking. On a personal note, Ive paid well around the 400 dollar mark in parking tickets since Ive been going to school here. It is rediculous that students that attend this school have to worry about where they are going to park their transportation, much less worrying about their classes themselves. Certainly something should be considered in regards to commuter students and/or students that live around campus but still need to drive a short way to school.
- I see no point in making the already difficult parking situation on campus worse for students. Although this may make things more convenient for neighborhood residents, it hinders me getting to my classes and getting the education i am paying for. please consider this seriously.
- Being a college student, money is not something to be lightly thrown around, the constant worry of parking tickets over minor, in my opinion, useless parking regulations is something that us students shouldn't have constantly worry about.
- Please put yourself in a student's perspective who can't afford to live within walking distance of campus. The UWM area flourishes BECAUSE of the students, not in spite of them.
- Removing parking from the biggest university in Greater Milwaukee is inexcusable, and it's laughable that something like this would even be proposed. UWM students are Milwaukee residents who pay taxes and yield unwillingly to tuition increases etc... UWM has been around for a long time. I am sure the residents in surrounding areas are used to the parking situation by now. If they are new to the area, this is something they should of considered in the first place. Passing RPP is not an option for students such as myself, who commute to school from areas where bus service is not available.
- Where the heck am I suppose to park then. I work full-time and go to school at night. My work hours and school hours don't work well with the bus schedule. On top of things, it's not like I can walk or ride a bike, when I already have a 40 minute car ride. What am I suppose to do, stop going to school? NOT AN OPTION!! Find some other way to correct the parking issues around campus and among the community
- The RPP sucks. We need more parking down by campus for the students. UWM is what is keeping the east side alive. Without the students, the financial situation on the east side would be a lot more dead and not resourceful at all. If you take away parking from the students, then you are adding major risks to the decline of the UWM/East side area. The residents need to take the sticks out of their asses and shut the fuck up. No one is bothering them. Most of them have driveways for their houses anyways so I don't know what their problem is. Overall, the RPP will not go through and even if it does, the students will rise up and fight it.
- Parking is very hard around campus. I am a college student and I cannot afford to pay for parking or the parking tickets. I work during the day to help pay my tuition and I can only take night classes. The MCTS offers free U-Pass to students. I live in New Berlin, the nearest park and ride is Whitnall. I have classes that do not end until 8:10pm. If I need to talk to my professor I cannot because I have to be on the bus at 8:30pm, that is if the bus was not early and gone already. I have had to find rides home because of this problem. I feel taking parking away from students will only stop people from choosing UWM.

- It is another initiative to hurt the UWM experience in order to benefit people who choose to live near a campus, but refuse to accept in any sort of resonable way the students who come with living near campus. They want it their way even though they choose to live near a campus.

  33. please do what's best for the students, our life is hard enough.
- As a school that claims its dedicated to helping nontraditional and urban students, parking is ridiculously expensive and may hinder the school's ability to serve its students. Public transportation is not always an option!
- 35. It's a good initiative for the residents of this area.

- The students of UWM bring in a lot of business and culture to this area and by limiting parking many would not be able to attend as easily and it might lower enrollment.
- How can you possibly restrict parking on a school that is attended mostly by commuters? Face it, students need a place to park at a commuter school. It blows my mind that you are advocating an increase in parking restrictions to people who already pay thousands upon thousands of dollars every year to a commuter university simply because they want to learn.
  - all i know is that from attending 1 1/2 yrs at UWM, i have had to pay AT THE LEAST \$350 on parking tickets. I didn't live at home my first year of college, so i would park on Oakland Ave. I would go to my 3 hr chemistry lab, and come back out with a parking ticket on my windshield. this costly inconvience needs to be fixed for college students immediately.
  - that it is unfair. The UW-Milwaukee Students make up most of the customers that the local businesses depend on. If the RPP goes into effect it could discouarge potential students from coming to UW-Milwaukee. As a solution to the problem, maybe a community parking structure could be built for the UW-Milwaukee students and the local residents to park their cars. I know that when I go to Oakland Gyro, I can never find parking. UW-Milwaukee and the Community could go half and half on the structure. It would help alleative some of the problems. Last but not least, I think that the community and the UW-Milwaukee residents should have a forum in order to air these issues and to think of possible solutions. The tickets and the towing will only lead to hurt feelings and will not resolve the issue, but make them worse. There must be a reasonable compromise that can be reached that will make everyone happy or least civil.
- I have lived near UWM in the past and am now currently a commuting Masters Student from Menomonee Falls. I believer the student parking scenario is much worse than the residential parking issue. An alternative may be for UWM students to be able to park for free in more of the on campus lots.
- Living close to campus, I understand the need for residential parking. I think it should be important to encourage students to use public transportation to get to campus instead of driving. If I live near campus, I should have more preference for parking near my residence than a commuting student. If students don't want parking tickets, perhaps they should read and understand the parking regulations on residential streets near campus and use alternate transportation if they would be parked longer than a space allows.
- While 9 times out of 10 I ride the bus. I found the bus as a very unreliable means of transportation. The stop I use is five blocks from a scheduled timed stop and normally the bus is as much as five minutes early but then the next bus will not arrive at school in time to reach my class. On thoses days I drive, but loosing the parking spots around the school would make it so that I would be late to any class

that I missed an early bus for. That College life is hard enough as it is. And that sometimes when you are up till 543. two in the morning before studying, making a 8 or 9 o'clock class is hard and its nice to have that extra 15-45 mins to get ready, catch some more sleep or actully eat breakfast before class because you can just drive to school. That parking tickets and what not are enough and why do you feel the need to take our spots on top of the 200,000+ tickets you gave away last year. Give us a brake, we are just trying to get an education so that we can become productive members of socity. I think this is ridiclous because even as someone who who rents, I still receive 544. tickets. Due to the rule where only a certain amount of day passes are given out. Also I feel the city of milwaukee targets uwm students as easy money. Last year I lived on kenwood blvd next to physics building, where I witnessed ticketed cars every day and mass towings. This year I moved further east down kenwood in to a wealthier area a few blocks past downer and the amount of ticketing and towing has decreased. I have seen cars parked here all day with no tickets, whereas closer to campus, if you pass that 2 hour mark to have a ticket. I would like you to support the Residential Preferred Parking bill. As a student 545. and resident; community residents should have priority in the neighborhood they live and serve over commuting students; it is more than frustrating when regular residents who live here are unable to find parking near their homes; why should residents be penalized for living in an area that they love near campus? UWM should be responsible to provide parking and shuttles or students must find a way on their own. If students keep getting parking tickets, then they should stop parking there or find another option...like the bus or shuttle! Residents shouldn't have to suffer! Students suffer enough with tuition hikes & buying books & studying...any non-<u>546.</u> student who gets a place near campus, if they don't know what they're getting into as far as parking goes, they might need to go back to college themselves. We don't prohibit people who work downtown from parking downtown in favor of residential parking, why should we do it on campus? It would be unfortunate if residents who can afford to live near campus are able to beat the students on this issue simply because they have the benefit of influential money on their side, while the needs of starving college students get ignored. 47. It's so hard to find parking without this implemented. What are you thinking? Parking at UWM is not a luxury given to students wealthy enough to own cars. It is a necessity. The unreliability of public transportation (MCTS buses are always filled and often pass me; parking at the lake & Capitol fills by 10am) and the high cost of living near UWM often results in the need to drive to school from home or in between work. Limiting this option would only further complicate matters for students striving for a better education. Parking at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is already ridiculous. I have at least 10 parking tickets throughout my college life and taking away 720 spaces would be unheard of. DO you remember going to college? It shouldn't be that I worry about parking when i drive to college campus. It should be that I worry about my exam coming up...did i do my homework assignment right. Live the life of a UWM student from the prospective of 2005 and see how effective the RPP program would be. This would be an inhuman thing to do. 50. I lost my day parking pass and I was unable to get a new one. This resulted in hundreds of dollars of tickets.

This is a great idea. I've been riding my bike or taking the bus to school everyday from river west since I started this year and I don't understand why everyone else

can't do the same. Even if they live far enough away that they can't ride the bus or a bike there are park and ride structures for free that they could use. Besides the fact that there is no need for these people to drive to campus everyday, it would also cut down on smogg, and since Milwaukee is the number one must paluted city in WI I think there is somthing to be said for this out come. Thank you and good luck.

- Way too many parking tickets. Help up out buddy instead of licking your chops over how much revenue you can bring in through us students.
- We preach education-education but yet we set up measures to make it difficult for people to attend school. I am not only a student but an employee here at UWM.

  Lets not make it more difficult for students than it already is.
  - 4. Its difficult enough as it just simply finding a parking spot on or around campus. By the time most students find a parking spot where they believe they wont be ticketed, theyre late for class.
- There is enogh money comming to the city from the parking tickets given out around the school area. It is already difficult to find a spot where you dont have to walk for 6 blocks. What happen when you have a 4 hour class? You cant just leave class to move your car.
- Stop making the lives of all the UWM students harder. Most of us barely get by as far as money goes, and already many individuals get up to \$60 per month in parking tickets. Don't you think we've funded our share of the city's income? Plus, UWM is growing into a premier research university, a process that would be greatly hindered by all these actions against the students. You're hurting the city, not helping it.
- UWM needs to thinking about the parking situation as they keep expanding the programs for many more students. More students more space needed. The parking lot is already used to the MAX. the UPASS is already being used by many more students.

- The RPP does not take into consideration students who HAVE to drive to UWM. For instance, this semester I have 8am classes and drop my child off at his school at 7:30am.(For the past 2 years I have been in school, I have used my U-pass and the bus on a daily basis.) If street parking were not available I don't know what I would have done. Also, I have a friend who does her field work during the day untill 5:30pm and has a 6pm class. Again, if parking were not available it would be impossible for her to work and get to class on time. Not to mention depending on where you live and time of day, public transportation is not always a viable alternative. In addition, during the day most of the residents are away from their homes, thus you would be "saving" spots during the day for cars that are not even there. It seems to work out fine the way it is. Resident's cars are gone during the time the students come to school and student's cars are mostly gone when the residents come home from work. To summarize, there are times when students need to drive because they have to not because they want to. Residents are usually gone during the day. There is no mention if the "new alternative parking area" would provide free parking and street parking does. This is a whole new issue to consider as students cannot also afford to pay high parking costs.
- We pay to live here. Our house is well kept, and the other residents have never complained. What will happen when enrollment goes down?
- The parking situation is already dire for UWM students, we don't need to make it worse!
- 561. I live one block away from campus and have never have a problem parking

| e dere especial properties | during a busy school day. What I do find irritating is the limit of 30 minutes or 1 hour imposed on street sides for parking. There is no way that someone going to a class will have enough time to find a spot, park, attend class and get back out to their car in the allotted time.   |
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| <u>562</u>                 | It is not fiscal responsibility to include within an annual budget, the expected quata of parking tictets, traffic violations, or even metered parking. We are all paying taxes, we live here, and we should have the right to park anywhere within the city whithout fear of a ticket or tow.   |
| 563                        | . I support the RPP.   |
| 564                        | Make Mike D'Amato carry the load of supplies needed for art students to class for a month and have him try to park near the school and please make sure that Ellenberger fellow is on duty to ticket his car. I'd love that and oh due to lack of money to pay for the ever increasing tuition have him make it to work in 45 minutes after class.   |
| 565.                       | . no   |
| 566.                       | Students are residents too.  |
| <b>567.</b>                | As a student of UWM I am paying for the construction of the Klotche Center addition. The extra parking will benefit UWM and by default will clear up some street parking spaces. To make this a law is pointless because it has the same effect. Also, as a student paying for the Klotche Center addition, to see my money go to waste is a tragedy as I can barely afford tuition as it is. To call the parking spaces an "addition" would be incorrect as the students of UWM would gain no parking spaces with this law enacted.   |
| <u>568.</u>                | If you keep trying to push us, we will respond. our response will be with the numbers of students voting you out, and voting someone else in. you are only as strong as the votes you recieve, and we out number you. Please think twice before waging war, battles are worthless when you lose the war. If you implement this and adversly effect my life i will run for alderman, and then you will know power no more. With regards, Taylor Briggs  |
| <u>569.</u>                | I THINK THAT HOUSES SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE MORE THAN ONE NIGHT PASS BECAUSE NOT EVERY HOUSE HAS PARKING IN THE DRIVEWAY OR ALLEY AVAILABLE.  |
| 70.                        | Why do you hate UWM?   |
| 71.                        | I'd rather not.  |
| <del>572.</del>            | The eastside is a college neighborhood, yet there are no accomodations for students. Even so, there are barriers making college-life on the east side even more difficult. The non-college residents of the eastside make UW-Milwaukee a less desirable school not only because of the atmosphere but also because of their unrealistic neighborhood standards. Do they not realize that They are the ones living on a college campus, We are not the ones invading their neighborhood. Who would choose to buy a home so close to a college campus and then complain about the atmosphere? If the residents refusing to adapt to the students would get out of eastside or stop complaining, UW-Milwaukee would recruit |

out of eastside or stop complaining, UW-Milwaukee would recruit many more students and families and non-college residents could actually live in a nicer neighborhood. Who would want to raise their children on a college campus? You can't take the college out of campus, but you can take the families off of campus. They need to realize they they are invading our space. I have never been to a campus so ridiculously infested with families who have unrealistic neighborhood expectations. The houses aren't nice, the yards aren't nice and there will not be regular parking because it is a college neighborhood.

- There needs to be more strategies implemented to accommodate the students or UW-Milwaukee will lose business.

  This is unfair and completely unneccessary because students need street parking and residents have their own driveways for parking!!

  Get off the students backs, we're here to learn and you are just trying to be a dick to us!
  - Considering that the majority of the housing on and around UW Milwaukee campus is student owned or rented housing, preferred parking for residents just gives parking spots to those that already have driveways and alleys - and takes away from the students that commute to and from campus. If you do plan on taking away 750 parking spots, then I suggest you give money to UWM to make a new dorm building so less people will have to commute. Even then, parking is an issue, days when someone is running late, they have to find an untaken meter, and hope they have enough spare change to fill it with just enough time to last them through class. As it is now, people already park up to 10 blocks away in some cases just so that they don't have to deal with parking restrictions or meters. I'm fairly confident that people would just park even further away and complain more. And oh, by the way, you're not getting any votes from the UWM students next term - so I guess you already don't care about your constituants. And yes, 26,000 votes can be the gab between winning and losing an election, benefitting a few hundred residents is much less efficient and effective than benefitting several thousand Milwaukee County residents.
- The current parking situation is abysmal but clearly you don't care. You are taking an already difficult situation and making it much worse.
  - If people don't have a place to park, build a structure. If people want to mooch off the system, then they should have their cars removed. Pay for your time, plan accordingly, grow up because you're in college. I do NOT oppose this and will not sign the petition. D'Amato is worth my tax money it seems.
- What is his logic? Making 1000 people kind of happy by hurting 20000 students?!??
  - As students, our contributions to the local economy is often overlooked and in some cases, digregarded or ignored. What short sighted and mean spirited measures like this do is to demonstrate that while our money is welcome in the neighborhood, our very existance is not. I commute from out of town, I cannot avail myself of the many fine options available to those who live closer to school. The park and ride options are no longer doing the job, since enrollment has increased but parking has not. I do not understand why the good people of this region continue to bite the hand that feeds their tax base, but sooner or later, measures like this, combined with an uncaring Regent board that hikes tuition unmercifully, will price and gouge students out of an education. While people like D'Amato may think that a university would be a perfect neighbor but for the students, wait and see what happens when we can no longer spend money at the local business, or work for them.
- The problem is that we don't have enough parking spaces ON campus. Until our school makes room for the students who NEED to drive, hopefully the community who benefits from our presence in many ways can work with us until the school handles the parking issue appropriately.
- Most residents don't have cars so the extra parking for residents is unneeded. The parking spaces are really needed for those who communte, those who are using the spaces right now. Assigning parking spaces for residents is granting those who don't have a vehicle to park there and refusing parking to those who do have

| e de la composition della comp | cars and need a space to them during class.  |
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| 582  | All I ever see come out of Alderman D'Amato's office in regards to students at UWM are restrictions, sanctions, and complaints. His apparent opinion of All college students is based on a small percentage of those individuals who may cause issues for the surrounding neighborhood. Many of us have been and still are residence of Milwaukee, specifically the east side. We bring revenue into local businesses and other areas of Alderman D'Amato's district, yet all we ever feel is anamosity from him. The targeting of UWM students can needs to end. We're tired of it. |
| 583.   | its bullshit   |
| 584.   | its especially hard for commuters to get to class on time when they are already searching for parking places. most parking spots dont even let you put in enough time that you need to go to, get through, and get of a class. its impossible, especially when you have a few hr classes.  |
| 585.   | present the topic with such bias. What about the student residents who can't park in front of their own house because commuters always take up the spaces? A real effort should be made to cut down the number of cars coming to campus in the first place. Residents should be guaranteed parking. If there is no parking available it might force unnecessary drivers to take other forms of transportation or to carpool. It's better for the environment and better for the neighborhood.  |
| 586.   | If you want people to attend the school you need to provide adequate parking so if a student can not take one of the buses they will not have to worry about parking.  |
| <u>587.</u>  | Some people work to afford school and absoulutly have to drive to school.  Having less parking spaces makes it harder for those to find parking and actually make it to calls in time.   |
| 588.   | Those public streets (proposed under the RPP bill) belong to all tax-paying Milwaukee County residents. It is extremely unfair that only certain people would have preferential treatment when all of us, tax-payers, share the burden of maintaining the roads.   |
| <u>589.</u>  | Some residents live in apartment buildings with more than one tenant. This means that only two people are allowed to have permits per unit. When there is an apartment of four people, only two can be registered with day parking permits. This is unfair to the tenants that live somewhere, but the police department will not issue day permits.   |
| 590  | It is already so hard to park without getting a ticket. We should not have to pay to park while we are in class.   |
| <u>591.</u>  | Thank You for being understanding of the financial constrains college students have when trying for a degree in higher education   |
| 592  | If this kind of madness is what he have time for, then he needs to become a parking checkers. If this is passed on the east side of town, then every neighborhood would want to do it.   |
| 593.   | I voted for you for Alderman, but I'm starting to regret it.   |
| 594.   | One day our generation is going to run things around here, and when that day comes we are going to take some consideration for the students who will the generation of leaders after us.   |
| 95.  | college students are part of the community also !!   |

96. Thanks for caring about students. We are a huge part of this economy on the east side and we appreciate very little you have done for us. 97. Please think of another solution. Parking garage maybe? Tell your constituents not to live next to a college campus if they are bothered by students who need to park next to the facility where they pay a lot of money to attend. If there aren't parking spaces available on campus then there should be a large 599. parking structure instead. College students have limited time, since most of us are going to school and have jobs, we don't have the time to drive to the designated parking areas and then wait for the bus to pick us up and take us to and from campus to our cars. No, everything is fine for me. As a single parent and student I allready find it hard to pay for all the bills i 601. recieve including being 5 mins later to refill the meter and recieving a 20 dollar fine. It is already hard enough for those of us that don't leave anywhere near campus let alone have other priorities to deal with to be burden with this is unfair. As a recent graduate of UWM, who walked from the Riverwest area and never 602. took my car to campus, I know that students do not have to park in the surrounding residential areas. By walking and biking to the campus, students can be considerate of the community and improve the environment. I feel that for all of those students that go to UWM and do not live in the 603. Milwaukee area should be able to bring their vehicles without worry of tickets and/or towing. To me, its common sense to allow the students to have their own means of transportation. This helps promote independence. Do you remember when you were a student? Milwaukee's Campus has always 504. been a "commutor college" in this city. If resedence don't like the idea that most of the streets are parked cars for students that are trying to get ahead than the resedence should move or should have not moved there in the first place. UW-Milwaukee is a great place for an education for those that can't leave home or don't want to leave home. Not everyone drives to campus, could you imagine if we all wanted parking places next to the building we have classes? If you could find it in your budget for UW-Milwaukee to build a parking structure to house parked cars and the land to build on, this would help a great deal. But, if you can't find the land or come up with the extra money, leave us alone. All of us at UW-Milwaukee are trying to get ahead and make a difference in this world. Someday, someone from UW-Milwaukee will challenge you for your job and they will win! It could be me. 605. Going to school is hard enough, getting there shouldn't be a huge issue As if we don't have enough problems as students, now this? Students at UW Milwaukee already pay enough for tuition(which is steadily 507. rising), and on top of the base tuition fee there are dozens upon dozens of classes which also require differential tuition. This is frustrating; if we pay for tuition, we're paying for our classes, and shouldn't be charged more. Transportation in a city like Milwaukee is hard enough; buses would be fine, but what if they're running late? Then we miss our class. So we spend money on a car and gas (with its exceedingly infuriating prices) so that our tuition money will be put to good use. Now D'Amato's going to add to our money strain. Students often miss classes because they can't find parking for an hour long class. If they decide to park in a space for which they know they'll be ticketed because they don't want their education to suffer, their class could cost between \$20 and \$100 a week! I

NEVER hear residents complain about lack of parking, and I ALWAYS hear students sadly debating on whether they want risk going to class for fear that their precious few dollars will be wasted on a parking ticket. This is absolutely ridiculous, even more so because when the Klotsche center is finished there will be way more parking for residents than needed. If things keep going the way they are now, the number of college dropouts will skyrocket. College graduates are suffering enough with the economy as it is, let alone college students. And D'Amato is taking a position as one of our key benefactors to this sad future if RPP is enacted.

- Parking on and around the UWM Campus is already very difficult. I have to drive and hour to get here in the mornings, and if I am not down here by 8:00 am, I have problems findind a place to park. By 10:00 am all of the U-Parks are full, the lots are all full, and the only alternative is to park on the street (if you are lucky enough to find a spot at all). If more spaces are taken away for students to park, where will we all go? There simply won't be enough room for us. Not to mention the fact that I really cannot afford to pay for parking every day, because I have to decide to pay for gas to get down here or eat that day.
- Are you on crack? Ask yourself what UWM students do for your district? I think you'll be amazed at the amount of money that is brought into your district because of students. A majority of businesses in this district make a profit because of the student population. By reducing parking, you're reducing the attractiveness of this school, which will negatively impact the businesses within your district. How do you plan to compensate for these losses? Will a cut to your paycheck be satisfactory? Maybe those that voted for you are the ones that pay property taxes in this district, but how much do they contribute to the economy of this district? Does their contribution to the local economy exceed that of the 25000 students? Maybe you should consider becoming a student yourself because you obviously cannot calculate the financial impact that such decisions make on your district, thus making students ask how you could even be qualified to be an alderman.
- Paying for tuition is hard enough as it is along with finding a parking spot for all the commuters who cant afford to live on campus and is forced to move farther away from campus in order to afford tuition.
- Quit trying to stick us with parking tickets, fees and any other way to suck money out of us! Just because you don't know how to budget your money, doesn't mean I should have to pay for your ineptitude.
- 112. It is already hard enough as students to find parking on campus...
- time limit on parking spots is rediculous, with a class schedule that doesn't cooperate, its nearly impossible to concentrate on the task at hand when your worried about getting a parking ticket because your classes go from 10-2 with the ten minute breaks inbetween, no where on campus have I seen a 4 hour parking, not to mention the fact that it seems like anywhere remotely close, means forking out money. With the way gas costs now, you would think that the city might do something about parking costs. Lets face it, we are college students, many with little to no bankroll so our variable spending is minimal.
- There is a college here. Residents that are not college students that live here should realize that by now. They should move if they do not like it!this college was here before they were
- UWM students have plenty of options other than parking on campus. Residents presently face undue hardship because students refuse to take them. Hang in there, Mike, and keep working for your core constituents.

16. Uwm is a huge part of this area... if you dont like students.. move somewhere Good idea Mike! It's soo frustrating living on campus and not being able to find a parking spot in front of your own house. I have a permit, so I can park on the street as long as I want, but the problem is that I can't even find a spot to park in the first place. Maybe after the RPP I can actually start parking on my block. Good job looking out for the residents of Milwaukee county. It's good to know that you care! This is going to be opposed by many UWM students who themselves are too lazy to take a bus. In order to keep residents in the surrounding area happy, and to allow them what they PAY FOR WITH THEIR TAXES, that is, parking spaces, I think that there should be even more parking ticketed in the surrounding area around the UWM campus. I believe this is a bad idea for the UWM area. The students are already paying higher tutition because of the deficit in the State of Wisconsin. Please do not make the students suffer anymore. 120. There are already very few places to park on campus and by implementing RPP, there would be even fewer areas for students to park. I think this is unfair to us. Parking is ridiculous enough, it costs me 80 dollars a month to park in the union parking garage for convenience. Your proposal just shows how out of touch you are with the student body. Is it not enough that landlords and area business take unfair advantage of students 622. by charging inflated rental rates and retail prices? Does the city of Milwaukee want to get in on the fleecing of the student population as well? UWM and the student body pour money into this community. Residents of Milwaukee that CHOOSE to purchase homes near an institution that over 24,000 students attend must have realized their would be a great number of commuter students. If I CHOSE to buy a home next to a dairy farm, do I have the right to complain about the smell of manure? I think Mide D'Amato should try standing up for students every once in a while, rather than making us look like toxins to society. The RPP appears to focus on the needs of residents, instead of students who may **624.** no longer live here in 4 years which means they will also not be here to vote for alderman. However, please remember that some of us (students) are residents of Milwaukee and will remember this the next time we vote. 1'd like more information; even your charges against it are a little vague. I think as an Alderman of District 5 you need to think about all of the students 526. that also reside in your district, and or professors of this University. Choosing to pick a side is not your job, bringing to two sides to a compromise that would help out both ends, that is your job. Start doing it. The dorms are extremely hard to get into, so the people who are forced to live off 627 campus need to drive there, but where are they supposed to park? And everyone can't afford to pay EVERYDAY just to park along with all the tuition costs. There is limited parking structures currently at UWM and since street parking is 628. often the only option for many students, especially part-time and working adults who are pursuing their graduate degree or additional degrees. Unless the city would be willing to build more public parking structures on UWM campus, I do not support this proposal. Most residents already have parking structures, they are called garages. Why do you want to penilize people for pursuing an education??

Try putting yourself in the student's position. You are anti-student, and you try to cover it up, but the fact is that there is a University in your district and it isn't going anywhere anytime soon. If you pass the RPP that will just make even more of us college kids come and live right next to you so that we have somewhere to park our cars.

The students pocketbooks are already a good source of revenue for the city of

- milwaukee. Numerous parking vultures circle the campus daily in seek of dead meters and then wreak a financial havoc on the owner's car parked next to it. Now they want to begin impounding the vehicles instead of ticketing them? Genius idea instead of the revenue created by just one ticket, a tow to the city impound will generate two times more revenue for the city. That'll teach em. Political genious, but added financial distress on the average college student. Please put your heads together and come up with something better.
- give us a break we are trying to have some education not stressing ourselves on where to park or paying the tickets.
- 32. N/A.

- UWM brings in more money based on tuition than just about any other University in the state, and as the majority of students must drive into school, it is a commuter university after all, we should not feel like we are the city's continued and prefered target. For the past two years we have had to endure a large amount of persecution because of dificulties finding parking near campus, and being ticketed, towed and continuously marginalized by the city is not the right message to be sending out to students. Implement parking restrictions that are not meant to harm the student but instead facilitate their attendance and continued higher education.
- Residents know that they share their neighborhood with a large public university, and that this type of thing will occur. They should be able to accomodate and compromise with UWM students and university officials. Students need to drive their cars and park them at a reasonable distance to the university. It is not reasonable to expect everyone to take a bus to school. It is known that buses tend to be unreliable and unsafe. There have been many news stories about fights and shootings that have taken place on buses in the last few years. It is unfair to expect students to rely transportation that will not get them to their classes on time, and possibly put them in danger. If they do not get to school on time, students may get poor grades and if a fight breaks out, they may get hurt. But the neighbors do not seem to care about the students, just as long as they get what they want.
- The streets belong to the tax paying citizens on Milwaukee county, not the residents. I live in West Allis. During State Fair, my street is so full, that I cannot park there. I knew that when I bought the house. Get me?
- As a commuting student, combating both limited bus routes and times combined with increasing enrollement at UW-M, implementing RPP would cause undo stress in the lives of those who are already ineligible for on campus parking or the RPP. Passing this would cut down on already crowded U-Park lots and fill up the Union faster, not to mention the Park and Ride lots around the city. Personally, cutting the route 5 bus to UW-M has hurt me the most because it used to run past my house several times a day. Implementing this plan would only create more stress and anxiety, and make getting to school much more difficult.
- parking is a huge problem at UWM. There needs to be something done in exchange for the students.
- 38. I am tired of my car being ticketed because I live around campus.

- As a recent UWM graduate who was a commuter during my time at UWM, I believe this is an unfair proposal. First, I was unable to use the park and ride lots because of the extra time that it took. Most days right after school, I had to go directly to work. Also, many of the park and ride lots are completely full which doesn't help students get to class on time or students that have other obligations and are in a hurry. Second, the first semester I went to UWM, tuition was about \$1700 per semester, and by the time I graduated tuition was \$3100 per semester. For a college student, any additional parking tickets or towings would be financially crippling. While I was in college, I was barely able to skweek by. The parking situation was bad enough, it doesn't need to be worse. Finally, I believe if this proposal is passed, it will hurt the college through increasing transfers, declining enrollment and an overall negative attitude will be developed by the students that are affected. The parking situation should be made easier for students, not more difficult
- students need to take better advantage of upark and upass programs and stop whining. and the school needs to do a better job of providing parking. if they want this high enrollment then they need to accommodate it in housing and parking
- 641. Learn from Madison and embrace to college not stifle it!
  - Residents ought to be able to park in front of their houses. UWM already offers big, free parking lots nearby with free shuttle service, plus free bus passes. Students need to be encouraged to bus, bike or park in the remote lots. The car culture notion that students have a right to park close to UWM is passe.
  - Trying to park in front of my house on Kenwood is a pain in the ass. I believe one side of all streets within two blocks of UWM should be reserved for residents only. This being the one daytime pass per household, two if the residence does not have off street parking. Beyond two blocks do not post time limits as people are fully capable of walking two blocks to school and leaving their car there all day.
- 644. MORE PARKING!

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- I was at UWM 25 years ago and the parking has only gotten worse. It is one of the reasons I left and went elsewhere at that time. As an alderman I would think you could spend a little more time coming up with something more inovative to support the residents AND students. The residents knew there was a university there when they moved in.
- Why are you trying to make it harder for students to park down at UWM? These are generally good kids trying to better their futures, why are you so concerned where they park? Current parking restrictions are tough enough anyway. Why dont you worry about more important things such as actual CRIME that is being committed on a daily basis which contributes to the decay of our society rather than where a student parks their car to go to class.
- Parking around campus has been the same for years and years, it makes no sense that all of a sudden there would be this implementation of Residential preferred parking. Many students who commute already receive tickets fairly frequently and while there are options for taking public transit, sometimes there is just not enough time to catch a bus and get to campus. Personally I work 50 hours a week and go to grad school full time, I sometimes barely have time to drive to campus, let alone wait for a bus--which I do when I do have the time.
- Most residents around UWM campus have their own driveways and garages to park in. I can not see why anyone would implement such a restriction that would be so detrimental to students and their pockets. I believe if you decide to purchase a residence near a college campus, it should be expected that students will park

- on your street. For what I have paid in parking tickets over that last years, I should get my own private parking space. Ridiculous!
- I guess that the parking situation is such that unless more parking lots or parking structures are provided, this problem will continue to propagate. I'm not totally in favor of this resolution. I feel that other alternatives should be considered such as those that I have previously identified.
- The role of UWM in the economic health of Milwaukee is well known. It is necessary to recognize the urban nature of the campus and the need for parking. The resistance to the development of parking structures on the campus results in the surface parking problem. Creative ideas and support is needed by individuals like Alderman D"Amato to ensure that the educational mission of UWM is possible.
- I am a resident living on Maryland and Kenwood and never have a parking spot so I am looking at this plan from both sides. I paid nearly \$530 last year in parking tickets and I have a day and night parking pass, this is absolutely ludicrous. I have been towed 3 times in the last two years and I pay attention to the signs. If you want to implement this plan you need to create an area for UWM students to park in/at or there will be a severe backlash.
- I already can only afford to eat once a day. Leave the eastside alone and worry about the rest of this construction filled dump.
- I can certainly understand area residents being upset about not having a parking 653. spot in front of their house during the day while they're at work, and their monetary contribution to Milwaukee is easy to track. (While that from students is a little harder. Hint - look at rental and ticket income around UWM.) \*\*\* Also, since many students aren't Milwaukee residents to begin with, their vote isn't a problem. Sadly, students often don't vote even when they're allowed. \*\*\* So money and political influence win out again. \*\*\* The RPP... how many permits will be allowed per house? Is it only for owner-occupied dwellings, or can anyone residing at an address get a permit? How does one prove residence? It has been my experience that not all roommates are included on utilities, and subleasing means that not all roommates would be on a lease. Having something addressed to a person at an address is absurdly easy. \*\*\* The parking restrictions in the UWM area are already draconian, yet don't stop the city from collecting much of its revenue. As with some other programs, threat of punishment isn't a deterrant. The need is too great. \*\*\* Remember that this is a commuter college, and with the shoddy state of the bus system, bussing is not a reasonable option for people who live outside the close-in downtown area. \*\*\* As an example, I live near Sherman & Hampton (own a house, yes). If I have to work an 8am class, I can either catch a 6:30am bus and spend more than an hour travelling EACH WAY, or I can drive my car and the ROUND TRIP is about 30 minutes. During the winter, due to my disability, it would be next to impossible for me to catch that o-dark-early bus. After the usual 7a-to-6p hours, the trip takes even longer because there are fewer busses. And don't even get me started on safety. The busses are NOT safe. I have been shoved out the door on one bus, twisting my ankle, and threatened by a group of teens on another. Then there are the shootings and thefts which make the news. How many more things, like mine, don't? \*\*\* Parking at the U-Park lots works IF you can manage to get a parking spot. I've seen lots of creative parking there. The new lots on campus should be low-cost (as with area parking meters) or free (as with the U-park lots). \*\*\* I don't expect this survey to change anything about what the U and city are planning, but maybe someone will have some small thought about the effect on students. We are, after all, the major reason for having the University. \*\*\* As a side note, why aren't other areas of the city patrolled and cleaned as often as the