

Daley against zoning to allow town houses in factory area

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In a split with one of the City Council's most powerful aldermen, Mayor Daley said Tuesday that he opposes rezoning a factory area near Addison and Kimball to allow for new town houses.

Daley's position in effect kills the proposed rezoning but puts him at odds with Ald. Richard Mell (33rd). Mell had favored rezoning 11 acres within the industrial district so Rezmar Corp. could build 164 residential units.

But Daley said wedging the units into the area would create problems for the surrounding businesses. "You have truck traffic,

You have some construction companies. You have a lot of things going on. It becomes very difficult. That's why you have to protect industrial and manufacturing corridors," Daley said.

Carl Bufalini, executive director of the North Business and Industrial Council, said Daley's decision will protect the jobs in the Addison-Kimball area. He said a recent tally showed 26 firms representing 1,100 jobs in the area and that many are afraid of being forced out by residential development.

"It's wonderful that the mayor's willing to oppose a really strong alderman and a mega-corporation," Bufalini said. He has criticized International Paper Co., owner of the parcel Rezmar want-

ed to acquire, for marketing that 11 acres at a price only residential developers could afford.

Mell and a spokesman for International Paper could not be reached for comment.

Daley spoke about the project at a news conference called to welcome Chicago's first Costco wholesale membership club.

The new store and its 250 jobs are at 2746 N. Clybourn on a site that also was eyed for residential development at one time, prompting a threat by nearby Vienna Sausage to leave the city.

Vienna Sausage was concerned that an influx of new residents would translate into a barrage of complaints about noise and smells emanating from the company's plant. Daley fought to keep the land zoned for a use that would produce jobs, just as he appears ready to do at Addison and Kimball.



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