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Alderman, Jim Witkowiak
c/o Linda Elmer
Chair-Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development
Milwaukee Common Council
200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee WI 53202

Dear Alderman, Witkowiak:

I would like you to strongly support the request for Empowerment Village.

This project will provide important space for Our Space, Inc., a community program for people with serious mental illness. It will also include apartment living for a number of these persons with illness. As you know there is enormous need to develop community programs and housing for this population. Cardinal Capitol Management and Our Space have the track record to provide these services.

Please support this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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