November 7, 2024

City of Milwaukee 809 N. Broadway Milwaukee, WI 53202

Attn: Chair Stephanie Bloomingdale, City Plan Commission

Vice Chair Russell Stamper, Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development

Chair Eric Lowenberg, Board of Zoning Appeals President Jose G. Perez, Common Council

Dear Chair Bloomingdale, Alderman Stamper, Chair Lowenberg, President Perez, and Members:

I am writing to express my support of Kinship Community Food Center's (Kinship) application for a zoning change and special use permit for their proposed project at 421 E. Locust Street.

As a neighborhood resident who lives near Kinship, I have witnessed how their presence has not only contributed positively to the neighborhood but their strong commitment to changing the way hunger is addressed in Milwaukee has been invaluable to individuals in need of food, resources, crisis assistance, and friendship.

The care they take with maintaining the buildings that house their programs and the surrounding area shows great respect for the community and neighbors. Kinship's dedicated team works hard to keep the area well-maintained, enhancing the overall appearance and spirit of the neighborhood.

Kinship has proven to be an outstanding neighbor and has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the community. I strongly urge the Board of Zoning Appeals to approve their requests, as it is an essential step toward addressing critical issues of hunger, isolation, and poverty in our city.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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