



The Milwaukee Crisis Resource Center  
2057 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53204  
October 9, 2008

Ald. Jim Witkowiak  
Chair  
Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee  
Milwaukee Common Council

Dear Ald. Witkowiak,

I am writing on behalf of Empowerment Village, a supportive housing project which the City Plan Commission will be considering on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Milwaukee Crisis Resource Center provides short-term stabilization services for adults with mental illness. Approximately 80% of those we serve are homeless due to the lack of safe and affordable housing. We work very closely with Our Space in serving the needs of these individuals.

Daily we take on the task of attempting to assist consumers with their housing needs. This has proved to be an impossible task. There is a profound need for the city and county to address this need by supporting Our Space in creating a supportive housing resource. By doing so, you will reduce inappropriate use of inpatient and crisis services and allow people to move forward in their recovery.

I strongly encourage the City Planning Commission to support this innovative project.

Sincerely,

Debbie Buchanan  
Project Director

