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Dear Neighbors, City of Milwaukee Representatives, and Community Members:

I am writing regarding UWM's plans for the use and development of the Northwest Quadrant ("NWQ") (formerly Columbia St. Mary's). As discussed with various neighborhood and community representatives over the past year, UWM's plans for NWQ have solidified greatly since NWQ was acquired by the Board of Regents of the UW System in December of 2010. Due to changing demands and the development of student housing in other locations, prior proposals to use NWQ to house large numbers of students have been abandoned. Instead, UWM plans to use the existing buildings largely for academic purposes and student service operations, including the Honors College and the UWM Children's Center. The only current plans for student housing at NWQ consist of housing for a limited number of Honors students - no more than 90 as of September 2016, and no more than 200 for the foreseeable future.

UWM understands that the Mariner Neighborhood Association supports the use of the former Columbia Nursing Building (now Honors College) for up to 90 Honors College dormitory beds beginning in 2016 and, upon review, the ultimate expansion of dormitory beds at NWQ to 200 beds, in the Honors College. Therefore, I am now publicly expressing UWM's commitment that, should UWM develop plans to expand student housing beyond 90 students, it will first seek a public hearing and advisory ruling by an appropriate City body regarding that expansion, in addition to complying with any applicable zoning requirements which apply to the construction or renovation of facilities. It is intended that this hearing process take into account relevant data available from the UWM Police Department, UWM Dean of Students Office, UWM Neighborhood Relations, Milwaukee Police Department, and other reliable sources. UWM will then undertake good faith efforts to ensure that the advisory ruling of the City body be considered and incorporated into the applicable State of Wisconsin Environmental Impact Assessment conducted and decisions made under the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA), Wis. Stat. § 1.11. UWM intends to make this commitment for ten years from the date of signing; prior to the end of this period, UWM will consult with the Mariner Neighborhood Association or any successor, and the appropriate City body, and will then determine whether the commitment should be further extended.

As we have stated in the past, UWM is committed to an ongoing relationship with the neighbors surrounding UWM that is characterized by mutual respect and a spirit of collaboration. This includes working with the Mariner Neighborhood Association on an ongoing basis to address

any concerns that arise from the operation of dormitory spaces at NWQ. We deeply value the constructive dialogue we have had regarding UWM's acquisition and use of NWQ to date, and we look forward to many more years of working together constructively for the mutual benefit of the City, the neighborhood and UWM.

Sincerely,



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