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City of Milwaukee
Common Council
Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Commission
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Dear Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Commission:

I am pleased to be able to write this letter of support for the "Empowerment Village" project, proposed to be developed at the 6th and Rosedale site in Milwaukee. It is clear that Milwaukee needs more options for supportive housing for the mentally ill and this site is ideal. You will have noticed from my address that I am not a resident of the city. However, I have a leadership role in several organizations that conduct business within the city of Milwaukee. It is from that perspective that I write this letter.


Requests for zoning changes always have at least two sides. I am sure that this one is no different. The TOTAL community has to be considered. The needs of a portion of that community are met by what is being proposed/considered.

It is conveniently situated for access to public transportation, and its south side location expands the options for residents in that area of the city. The developers, Cardinal Capital, have worked diligently to address environmental concerns, and we believe that Empowerment Village will vastly improve the site from its current state.

The Autumn West program provided by the Red Cross will ensure that the residents served in this development will receive the supportive services they need, with the ultimate goal of obtaining permanent housing.

I urge you to support this project.

Sincerely


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