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For the file, please.

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Dear President Johnson and members of Common Council:

On January 27, 2021, the City of Milwaukee Equal Rights Commission voted unanimously to support the proposed Common Council ordinance to rename Old World Third Street to North Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (file #: 201318).

Journalist Jonathan Tilove, who authored a book on the urban planning successes and failures and tenacity of residents and businesses along various American city streets named after Dr. King, wrote: "To name any street for King is to invite an accounting of how the streets makes good on King's promise or mocks it." This proposed ordinance can help make good on Dr. King's work by no longer pretending it stops suddenly at the entrance to the economic prosperity of downtown.

The ERC shares Dr. King's belief that "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice" -- and that it requires all hands and all hearts to keep its course straight and true. Collectively, we must act and embrace this occasion to dismantle a disgraceful error of the past and bend the arc towards justice.

Sincerely,

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