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American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin, Inc.

Mr. Richard Marcoux
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809 N Broadway
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Mr. Marcoux:

As president of the American Indian Construction & Trade Association, and Vice President of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin, I am writing to you in support of the "Rivianna" project proposed by developer and architect Robert (Bob) Schultz.

It is my understanding that his proposed project, "Rivianna", is intended to be a \$100 million mixed use project that will utilize 100% union labor, have a self-imposed 25% minority/women on-site hiring requirement, include affordable housing and collaborate with the carpenter's apprenticeship training program to provide training opportunities for women and minorities.

I fully support his plan to develop a large high-density, high-rise project that will lead to a self-sustaining jobs development program, with a self-imposed 25% minority/women hiring requirement, along with great affordable housing options

We need more private sector developers to recognize the importance of socially responsible development that will uplift the whole community as our neighborhoods are developed.

We also support relaxation of height and density requirements for projects that serve a greater public good as this project will demonstrate. "Rivianna," is not requiring a large public subsidy, like most, typically proposing a strong job development program.

Relaxation of height and density requirements for "Rivianna," will enable the project to move forward and set the tone that the private sector can provide more affordable housing and job training options for the disadvantaged resulting in decreasing the burden on non-profits, foundations, the government, and the financial community who have shouldered the burden to date.

We believe the "Rivianna" project is an important project for our community and one that will create more affordable housing options and training opportunities for the economically disadvantaged. This project requires your attention, swift approval, and relaxation of height and density requirements.

Sincerely,

William R. Beson
Vice President & COO
Great Lakes Contracting, Inc.