



TO: Rocky Marcoux, Commissioner – Milwaukee DCD

FROM: Paul Westrick, Vice President – Columbia St. Mary's Health System

RE: Mercy Housing Lakefront, Inc. Project - File No. 071045

DATE: November 23, 2007

I am writing to express support for the Mercy Housing Lakefront rezoning proposal and related resolution item that will allow for construction of 89 studio apartments in the 12th Aldermanic District.

Columbia St. Mary's has been working with the leadership of Mercy Housing Lakefront over the past several years to evaluate supportive and affordable housing opportunities in Milwaukee. I have visited their housing developments in Chicago similar to the proposed project at the Johnston Clinic site.

I can say without reservation that the Mercy Housing Lakefront organization has the people, relationships, infrastructure and resources to successfully contribute towards meeting a tremendous need in our community.