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President José G. Pérez

President of the City of Milwaukee Common Council/ Alderman of the 12th District

Ms. Nancy Bush

Executive Director

Historic Mitchell Street Bid 4

Re: Support for Rezoning 2 Multi-Family Lots Consistent with Children’s Wisconsin Forest Home Clinic for Parking Lot Expansion

Dear President Pérez, Executive Director Bush, and BID 4 Directors:

Thank you for your service to developing our beautiful Milwaukee’s Near Southside and Historic Mitchell Street Business Improvement District 4.

Journey House is asking for your support for the rezoning and parking lot expansion at the Children’s Wisconsin Forest Home Clinic. The good news is that this new clinic has high patient volumes, and its clinical team has grown since its opening. With the highest youth density in the State of Wisconsin in our Milwaukee’s Near Southside community, the Children’s Wisconsin Forest Home Clinic is vital to keeping our tiny humans, teens, and families healthy. However, parking in the neighborhood is limited, and fewer patients than anticipated are taking the bus.

Rezoning these 2 properties will help our families have greater access to their visits. Due to parking constraints, some families have missed visits or arrived late. More parking spaces will enhance safety by reducing the need for street crossings, especially later in the evening for Urgent Care visits. Additional parking will enhance the experience for families visiting the clinic and encourage them to return for their subsequent visits.

Children’s Wisconsin has completed due diligence to identify parking solutions to expand the current 43 parking stalls by developing an additional 25 stalls through the purchase of two (2) adjacent multi-family properties. We request that these properties be rezoned to align with Children’s Wisconsin Forest Home Clinic zoning.

Journey House has been serving families from birth to twilight since 1969. Annually, we welcome 6,000 families to our many programs, including wellness initiatives and athletics, to keep our kids and families active and healthy. We see opportunities and challenges every day to improve health and wellness for our community members.

Journey House and Children’s share a passion for supporting Milwaukee youth and families, and the Children’s Forest Home Clinic provides families with increased access to the health care our children greatly need and deserve.

I know Children’s dedication to our community, and I encourage you to support Children’s request for the parking expansion project.

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Thank you,

Dr Michele Bria

Chief Executive Officer 1/29/2026

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Dr. Michele Bria, CEO

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