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Alderman James Witkowiak – Chair
Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee
City Hall, Room 205
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: Keefe Avenue Student Housing Development


Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of Wisconsin Community Services, Inc (WCS), we would like to express our support of the Trinitas Ventures' request for rezoning to accommodate a student housing development on Keefe Avenue. WCS has proudly served the greater Milwaukee Community since 1912, working in some of the city's most impoverished communities. We firmly believe that the Trinitas Student Housing project would greatly benefit the community by providing opportunities for young academic and career minded adult students to live, study, purchase, and volunteer in central city neighborhoods.

The addition of hundreds of student residents will also enhance the economic development efforts within impoverished and distressed neighborhoods. Additionally, the potential creation of jobs could positively impact the deleterious employment situation for African American males in our community. Finally, the proposed project would make use of a large patch of currently vacant space, providing significant improvement without displacing any current area businesses.

All of these benefits would come without a request for city funding, while adding to the city's tax base. The potential benefits of this project would appear to be in abundance, and the risks minimal. If questions remain as to the viability of this project, and its impact on a given community, we can easily contact those communities that have approved and constructed such housing.

We enthusiastically support this project and look forward to the benefits that it will bring to the city of Milwaukee.

Sincerely,

Holly Patzer
Executive Director


Clarence Johnson
Associate Executive Director

