

## Straightway Vineyard Christian Fellowship

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April 18, 2012

City of Milwaukee Common Council

Re:

1236 W. Pierce Street, Milwaukee, WI

Request to change zoning hearing Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:10pm

Dear Council Members,

This letter comes in support of the request to change the zoning of 1236 W. Pierce Street to Industrial Mixed.

While there are still many industrial properties in our neighborhood, many of the existing structures no longer meet modern standards for heavy industrial use. In fact, the age and poor conditions of these buildings demand immediate investment and repair or complete removal.

This was the condition of the property that is the subject of this letter. Over the last 12 years, we've watched the owners of 1236 W. Pierce Street invest and rebuild this property so that it has been transformed from a dilapidated and contaminated hazard into an economic and aesthetic asset for our community.

As local residents and a community organization, we wholeheartedly support this change of zoning. In our view, this change may encourage others to bring more much needed investment to our south side neighborhood.

If there should be any questions related to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (414) 640-8463 or pastorgeorge@swvcf.org.

Sincerely,

Rev. George Claudio, Jr., MDiv