



City Plan Commission
Stephanie Bloomingdale, Chair
City of Milwaukee
809 North Broadway
Milwaukee, WI 53202

June 1, 2025

Dear Ms. Bloomingdale:

I am pleased to write this letter on behalf of Jewish Family Services, Inc. (JFS) in support of the Housing Element.

JFS is a longstanding not-for-profit based in Milwaukee that provides affordable housing, social services, and mental health services to meet the needs of Milwaukee County residents. A great majority of our clients are low- to moderate-income and face challenges related to disability, trauma, and/or poverty. Further, many of the residents in our housing have histories of housing instability and benefit from supportive services that enable them to be successful in their housing. We have seen first-hand the effects of the affordable housing crisis as well as the impact that substandard and ill-maintained housing can have upon households in our City.

We believe that efforts to increase the supply and variety of housing as described in the Housing Element will benefit Milwaukee neighborhoods and residents. The Housing Element thoughtfully prioritizes walkable communities, transit-oriented development, and the fabric of existing Milwaukee neighborhoods.

Housing is the foundation of wellbeing for all residents of our City. We believe that the Housing Element will improve quality of life by increasing housing choices and supply for Milwaukee residents.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach me at 414-303-4083 or at dfleischman@jfsmilw.org.

Sincerely,
Dan Fleischman
Vice President of Housing
Jewish Family Services, Inc.