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City of Milwaukee
Zoning, Neighborhood & Development Committee
City Hall
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Dear Zoning, Neighborhood, and Development Committee,

On behalf of All Hands Boatworks, I am writing to share our support of the Pierce & Bruce Sub-District Study. Our nonprofit youth development organization has been in this neighborhood for five years. Annually, we lead programs for more than 550 participants, including more than 200 youths and adults at our community boat shop at 12th and Bruce Streets.

Businesses and property owners in this area joined the Menomonee Valley Business Improvement District several years ago because of a range of issues in and around the area. We want to see the same kind of positive changes that have happened in other areas of the Menomonee River Valley happen here, and having a City-adopted plan will help leverage the resources for improvements needed in this part of the district.

The safety of our youth, volunteers, staff, and visitors is paramount to us. Our programming would also be enhanced with better access to the Burnham Canal. We support the plan's recommendations: 1) mobilizing resources to address real and perceived safety issues in the district, 2) implementing streetscape and intersection improvements, 3) expanding public access to the Burnham Canal, and 4) pursuing minor rezoning in some areas to ensure more consistency in land use expectations throughout the district.

We look forward to continuing to work with the City of Milwaukee and Menomonee Valley Partners to implement these recommendations that will improve safety, visibility, and attractiveness of our neighborhood so that businesses continue to thrive in the Bruce and Pierce Street corridor.

Sincerely,