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City of Milwaukee  
Common Council  
Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Commission  
City Hall  
200 East Wells  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Commission:

I am pleased to be able to write this letter of support for the "Empowerment Village" project, proposed to be developed at the 6<sup>th</sup> and Rosedale site in Milwaukee. It is clear that Milwaukee needs more options for supportive housing for the mentally ill and this site is ideal.

It is conveniently situated for access to public transportation, and its south side location expands the options for residents in that area of the city. The developers, Cardinal Capital, have worked diligently to address environmental concerns, and we believe that Empowerment Village will vastly improve the site from its current state.

The Autumn West program provided by the Red Cross will ensure that the residents served in this development will receive the supportive services they need, with the ultimate goal of obtaining permanent housing.

I urge you to support this project.

Sincerely,

A.O. Smith Corporation

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark A. Petrarca' in a cursive script.

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