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Patricia Najera

Chairman - City of Milwaukee Planning Commission

Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Chairman Najera:

From the moment Cristo Rey Jesuit High School explored the feasibility of creating a high school in Milwaukee during the summer of 2012, Journey House encouraged Cristo Rey to be as close to the Clarke Square Neighborhood, the heart of the Latino community, as possible. From its inception of an idea to the actualization of a demonstrated high school of high performance and community engagement, Journey House has been an active partner and advocate. For the past two years, Journey House has been host to Cristo Rey interns, who greet our Journey House participants every day and assist in front desk and community events operations.

On behalf of the Journey House Board of Directors, we 100% support Cristo Rey Jesuit High School of Milwaukee's request to rezone the property located at 1818 West National Avenue from Detailed Planned Development to Institutional. Prior to our new Journey House Center, for over five years the 2nd floor of 1818 West National Avenue was the headquarters for our Journey House Administration and Clarke Square Neighborhood Initiative offices, through the then host owner Roundy's Supermarkets. From our on-site experience, we know that this is a prime location for students and parents to have access to Cristo Rey and the diverse assets of our Clarke Square Neighborhood.

Journey House plans on supporting our continued, growing partnership with Cristo Rey and new collaborations with them on our neighboring Journey House Packers Football Stadium. The dynamic and catalytic synergy of Cristo Rey High School and Journey House Center and Football Stadium infrastructures and the work of our partner Clarke Square Neighborhood Initiative will assist in our community thriving together. We look forward to welcoming Cristo Rey students to the neighborhood in the fall of 2019!

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

One Dream, One Team,

Dr. Michele Bria, Ph.D.

Chief Executive Officer

cc:

Alderman Jose Perez

Andrew Stith, President of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School of Milwaukee