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January 11, 2018

RE: Cristo Rey Jesuit High School Clarke Square Project

To Whom It May Concern:

As Executive Director of the United Community Center (UCC), I am writing to support the application submitted by Cristo Rey Jesuit High School for a zoning change at the former Pick 'n Save store located at 1818 W. National Avenue.

The UCC operates the UW-Milwaukee charter school, Bruce-Guadalupe Community School at 1028 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street. As a K4-8<sup>th</sup> grade school, our students attend a number of high schools in the community. The proposed relocation of the Cristo Rey Jesuit High School to this neighborhood is a welcome addition for our families. We currently have 11 of our former students attending Cristo Rey. As we follow our alumni throughout their high school years, the Bruce-Guadalupe alumni are engaged in their education at Cristo Rey, gaining valuable character-building skills and tools for life-long success at the school and through the work study component.

As part of a national network, Cristo Rey has demonstrated success with urban populations of students who often fall through cracks or fail academically. The college preparatory curriculum is rigorous, leading graduates to higher education opportunities and career goals they only dreamed of as young children. Having this quality education in their neighborhood will continue advance their ambitions.

Through the partnership established between UCC and Cristo Rey, we have strengthened the greater Milwaukee area, building bridges to a Hispanic middle-class and improving the quality of life for residents. We enthusiastically support this application, and hope you agree the rezoning will improve the community. If you need more information, please contact me at (414) 389-5111 or ricardod@unitedcc.org.

Sincerely,

Ricardo Diaz

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cc: Alderman José Perez, City of Milwaukee  
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