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Alderman James Bohl, Jr.  
City of Milwaukee  
200 East Wells Street, Suite 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Alderman Bohl,

I am writing this letter as an advocate for our children. All of us who live and work in Milwaukee have a responsibility to be strong supporters for our kids thereby helping to shape how they behave in school, relationships or when making difficult decisions.

As an advocate for children, I know receiving a high quality education is an important part of the success formula. Many of our kids simply don't have enough options as it relates to high quality education at the high school level as there are waiting lists at each of Milwaukee Public Schools' highest performing schools. While I am a huge supporter of MPS and a graduate of Madison High School, I know there are other ways to solve this problem. One of the approaches being offered, and one that I ask you to consider, is a proposal to convert the blighted area near 6<sup>th</sup> and Harrison into a quality school.

This effort is being led by Gus Ramirez and his family, who for many years have supported economic independence for our children through their work on educational issues. Through the proposed school, Mr. Ramirez can help alleviate the waiting list issue. He can also provide an opportunity for the blighted area to be transformed into a community showcase. A place where neighbors can come together and celebrate what is most positive about their neighborhood and where our children can feel empowered to be their best. Please approve Mr. Ramirez's rezoning request on behalf of the kids who need us most.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Vincent P. Lyles  
President & CEO

Cc: Austin Ramirez  
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