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To: City Clerk Jim Owczarski
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Subject: Please Vote YES on #251662, #251676, and #251661 to Address Food Apartheid

Dear City Clerk Jim Owczarski,

This issue is growing in our City and these resolutions and actions help address and activate solutions.

I'm writing as a resident and community member to ask you to please vote YES on Resolution #251662, Ordinance #251676, and Communication File #251661 when they come before the Public Health & Safety Committee on February 20th.

For the past seven months, communities like Metcalfe Park have been without a grocery store. These closures started in Metcalfe Park and on the South Side, but there has been a domino effect impacting the Northwest Side, West Allis, and other nearby areas. Unfortunately, more closures may happen soon. This is not an isolated situation, it reflects long-term disinvestment and policy gaps that have left many neighborhoods without reliable access to fresh, healthy food. No family should have to struggle to find basic necessities.

These three items are important steps forward:

- Resolution #251662 declares food apartheid a public health emergency
- Ordinance #251676 requires a 90-day notice before grocery or pharmacy closures
- Communication #251661 calls for clear reporting on fresh food access across the city

Together, these actions help protect residents, improve transparency, and move us toward real, long-term solutions.

I urge you to stand with the community and support all three measures with a YES vote or with Support.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to the health and wellbeing of ALL Milwaukee residents.

Sincerely,
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