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City of Milwaukee
Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee
200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Subject: Letter of Support - Acquisition of 30th Street Corridor Rail Line and
Right-of-Way

Dear Ald. Bauman, Ald. Jackson, Ald. Perez, Ald. Stamper, and Ald. Zamarripa,

On behalf of the Garden Homes Neighborhood Association, Inc. this letter is to express our full support for File #241777: Substitute resolution directing the Department of City Development to explore the City of Milwaukee's efforts in the acquisition of the 30th Street Corridor rail line and right-of-way.

The plans to redevelop the current underused railroad lines along the 30th Street Corridor into biking and walking trails would increase access to residents of Garden Homes to engage in recreational activities. It would also be a good resource to link with other similar activities in nearby neighborhoods. These plans would complement the work the Garden Homes Neighborhood Association is doing and collaborates with others to improve the overall quality of life for its residents. Creating safe and accessible spaces for pedestrians to walk and bike are important and needed. The plans would also integrate current railway freight activities with new enhancements.

This plan would be a pathway connecting residents to engage in physical activities such as biking and walking, but also jobs, schools and parks along the trails would also be connected. Like the Garden Homes Neighborhood Association, other neighborhood community organizations within the 30th Street Corridor are also excited about these plans to move the neighborhood forward. This is a team effort.

Your support of these plans would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kevin Freeman
President