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Dear Mayor Barrett and José G. Pérez:

I am writing to indicate my support for the current plan to move forward with The Milwaukee Streetcar project.

As a recent transplant to Milwaukee, I was impressed by Milwaukee given its perceived image to people outside of the Midwest. I think that Milwaukee has a lot of potential to be a major force both nationally and internationally, but I believe that a city's growth is limited if it lacks public transportation.

Having traveled and lived in several major cities throughout the world, the cities, I love the most in the world are the one's that I don't need a car to live in, because they allowed me to really experience feel of the city. Paris and Seoul are two great examples that were slowly built up over time to accommodate the growth of the city. This is where America lags behind the rest of the world and Milwaukee has the chance to get ahead of the game and be an innovative city that would attract more economic business.

I grew up in Seattle and saw the monorail fail miserably and now, we are stuck with an outdated structure that is rarely used. If we had used that energy, when we were first planning the monorail for the World's Fair in 1962, I believe Seattle would be a different city. Let's not let this be the case and continue forward with the vision of building putting Milwaukee on the map as a leader in the movement towards public transportation. The streetcar in its first stage has the potential to provide a "starter system" that can be expanded in the future and provide much needed connectivity between entertainment, employment, and neighborhoods.

In closing, please consider this letter as my personal support for the Milwaukee Streetcar Project.

Sincerely,

Jessica J. Boling

Cc: Council President Michael Murphy

Crump, Clifton

From: Mayor Tom Barrett
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 12:14 PM
To: Crump, Clifton
Subject: FW: Milwaukee Streetcar Support

From: Erik Gerard Vanden Heuvel [<mailto:egv@uwm.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 11:44 AM
To: Mayor Tom Barrett; Owczarski, Jim
Subject: Milwaukee Streetcar Support

Mayor Tom Barret, City Clerk Jim Owczarski, members of the Common Council and any and all others involved with the proposed Milwaukee Streetcar project,

Good afternoon, I am a recent UWM grad and intern for MetroGO currently studying at the University of Amsterdam for a Master's degree in urban planning. I just wanted to show a quick round of support and say that having lived and traveled throughout the Netherlands for six months now, using a streetcar almost every day, it's become such an integrated part of my life without even realizing it. I am beyond excited for Milwaukee and can't wait to see this happen for the people who deserve it so very much.

On top of all the benefits that city officials, planners, and streetcar advocates alike say about this project, I'd like to point out the social benefits that truly have a profound effect on the local culture. I see people everyday, of all ages and races, chatting, getting to know each other, asking for directions or helping someone with a stroller. The city grows much stronger with a streetcar that can provide more than just geographical connections. It seems more to me now like a vital piece of infrastructure that Milwaukee NEEDS in order to continue growing in every possible way.

I left Milwaukee this past summer with the intention of moving back to the US after finishing my degree, to a city, other than Milwaukee, with a thoughtful and well developed transportation system. However, after having followed the news about the streetcar and seeing the possibility of it actually happening, I'm genuinely reconsidering that thought. And I think the same can be said for many college graduates/millennials who are looking to settle in a city with the same progressive ideals that they value.

So, to all the supporters of the Milwaukee streetcar...Good luck tomorrow!

Thank you for all you have done thus far,

Erik Vanden Heuvel

Crump, Clifton

From: Mayor Tom Barrett
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 9:39 AM
To: Crump, Clifton
Subject: FW: Support for the Milwaukee Streetcar

From: Andi Woodward [<mailto:andiwoodward.director@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 11:33 AM
To: Mayor Tom Barrett
Subject: Support for the Milwaukee Streetcar

Dear Mayor Tom Barrett,

I wanted to write to you to express my support for the Milwaukee Streetcar, and to thank you for your endeavors towards making it a reality.

I didn't grow up in Milwaukee, but over the past five years Milwaukee has truly become my home. Many important moments of my life and career have taken place here, and while I may only be twenty-four years old, I am invested in this place. I believe in the future of Milwaukee, and I believe that we can learn from many wonderful and lively cities like Portland and Seattle and how the improvement of public transportation has greatly impacted their community. I know there is a lot of work and other tasks ahead, but I think the streetcar is a great place to start.

I am glad that we have a Mayor that is invested not only in the future of Milwaukee, but the people who live and work here just like me.

Thank you for everything, and good luck!

Sincerely,
Andi Woodward

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Crump, Clifton

From: Mayor Tom Barrett
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 9:41 AM
To: Crump, Clifton
Subject: FW: Yes - Streetcar Vote

From: Ryan Janecek [<mailto:ryan@northernground.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 11:07 AM
To: Murphy, Michael (Alderman)
Cc: Mayor Tom Barrett
Subject: Yes - Streetcar Vote

Hello Alderman,

For 10 years, my family and I have lived at 2013 N. Hi Mount Blvd. in you district. I also own a 9-person web design and development agency downtown that I founded 2+ years ago.

As a business owner AND a resident, I want the streetcar and hope that you and your colleagues support it. Here is why:

- We are in a high-tech field and need to recruit the best and brightest from around the country. We compete with Austin, and Portland and other more progressive cities. Advanced public transit helps us do that.
- I am invested in downtown having just signed a 6-year lease on 4,000 of office space. I want more development and density for my employees, customers and vendors.
- A loop into the Third Ward, where we conduct a lot of business with ad agencies, would allow for faster travel for me and my staff. We are not bus riders, but we would ride the street car.

Please contact me with any questions. I hope to see this resolution pass and see a streetcar come to life.

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Crump, Clifton

From: Mayor Tom Barrett
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 9:49 AM
To: Crump, Clifton
Subject: FW: Streetcar

From: Cheryl Heimerl [<mailto:cheimerl58@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, January 18, 2015 10:07 AM
To: Mayor Tom Barrett; Owczarski, Jim
Subject: Streetcar

My husband and I have resided on the east side of Milwaukee for the past 4 1/2 years. We moved into the city from Washington County after our daughter graduated from college and moved into her own home. After moving we realized how wonderful and vibrant Milwaukee is. There is so much to do in the city with world class restaurants, theaters, museums and sporting events. We love the city and are so excited about the proposed streetcar.

On a trolley ride a couple years ago in downtown Milwaukee, several men from New York City were seated next to us. We struck up a conversation with them and asked what they were seeing in the city. One gentlemen mentioned they visited the Art and Public Museums and of course they were going to the ethnic festival at the Summerfest grounds. He said they were having a great time and were surprised by all the things to do and see, but they were flaborgasted by the lack of public transportation. He couldn't understand how a city steeped in tourism during the summer months could not support anything more than a trolley. We agreed with them as we ran into the same problem.

I'm sending this email in support of the downtown streetcar. I believe it will revitalize the downtown area and bring more people to where they want to be.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Heimerl
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Crump, Clifton

From: Mayor Tom Barrett
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 10:52 AM
To: Crump, Clifton
Subject: FW: Milwaukee Streetcar Letter of Interest - In Support

From: Holly Nearman [<mailto:Hnearman@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 3:50 PM
To: Stamper II, Russell; Zielinski, Tony; Witkowski, Terry; Perez, Jose; Dudzik, Joseph; Murphy, Michael (Alderman); Puente, Robert; Wade, Willie; Cogg, Milele; Bauman, Robert; Kovac, Nik; Davis Sr., Joe; Hamilton, Ashanti; Mayor Tom Barrett
Subject: Milwaukee Streetcar Letter of Interest - In Support

A message from Holly Nearman about the Milwaukee Streetcar project.

Do you support the Milwaukee Streetcar? Yes

Message: I strongly support the Milwaukee Streetcar. I've been a Milwaukee resident for 11 years and also chose to lead a car-free lifestyle during that entire time. I can say with certainty that the streetcar is a necessity for the city. Despite my attachment to Milwaukee, cities like Chicago, Portland, and the Twin Cities are becoming more and more enticing as I've experienced firsthand how their expansions and improvements to their world-class public transit systems can improve residents' lifestyles while revitalizing neighborhoods. Milwaukee's system has seen little improvement over 11 years. It is very disheartening to see politicians push back on seemingly every proposal made to improve public transit in Milwaukee whether it's installing bike racks or new fare boxes. I keep hearing that the Milwaukee Streetcar is an awful idea because it's permanent. Well, the Milwaukee Intermodal Station and the Amtrak lines that lead there are also permanent and currently there is only one MCTS route that services the station directly. It just makes sense to have the Intermodal Station serviced by multiple modes of transportation, including a modern streetcar. The fact that the initial loop starts and ends there is a selling point alone. As someone who takes the Amtrak weekly, it is a pain to haul my luggage 1 mile from my workplace in the Third Ward to the station every Friday afternoon, especially on sidewalks that aren't shoveled. Conversely, it is downright frightening as a young woman to walk from the station late on Sunday night down a dimly lit, deserted street to make it to the bus line that actually services my neighborhood on the eastside. Living in a metro city like Milwaukee, residents should have a reliable, convenient, modern mode of public transportation in addition to the bus lines it already offers. The Milwaukee Streetcar will be a welcome addition to downtown as well as all of the other neighborhoods outlined in the proposed expansions.

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Crump, Clifton

From: Mayor Tom Barrett
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 12:43 PM
To: Crump, Clifton
Subject: FW: Milwaukee Streetcar Letter of Interest - In Support

From: Jenni Coats [<mailto:jenniferkcoats@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 12:39 PM
To: Stamper II, Russell; Zielinski, Tony; Witkowski, Terry; Perez, Jose; Dudzik, Joseph; Murphy, Michael (Alderman); Puente, Robert; Wade, Willie; Coggs, Milele; Bauman, Robert; Kovac, Nik; Davis Sr., Joe; Hamilton, Ashanti; Mayor Tom Barrett
Subject: Milwaukee Streetcar Letter of Interest - In Support

A message from Jenni Coats about the Milwaukee Streetcar project.

Do you support the Milwaukee Streetcar? Yes

Message: I support the Milwaukee Streetcar. As Milwaukee continues to grow and develop as a cultural leader for cities of similar size, advancements in transportation will be of the utmost importance. Our city is in a resurgence and it's time to continue to move forward, in all areas of development. Museums, restaurants, local businesses and local landmarks are working hard to attract visitors and local clientele. It's time to help those businesses continue to thrive and develop local economic growth by providing adequate public transportation access.

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