



SUPPORTING COMMUNITY CHANGE!

*Dominican Center works with Amani residents
and partners to build a better future.*

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Dear Common Council,

On behalf of the Dominican Center, I am writing to express our full support for the establishment of a Community Powered Fridge Collective in the Amani, Metcalf Park, Sherman Park, and Washington Park neighborhoods. As an organization deeply rooted in Amani for more than 30 years, the Dominican Center has worked alongside residents and partners to create a stronger, healthier, and more connected community. Addressing food insecurity is a critical part of this mission.

The Amani neighborhood continues to face significant challenges related to access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food. Many residents lack reliable transportation to reach full-service grocery stores, and local resources such as pantries and mobile markets, while vital, are not always available daily. A community-powered fridge offers a dignified, resident-led solution—one that encourages mutual aid, reduces food waste, and increases access to nutritious options for families in need.

This initiative aligns closely with the Dominican Center's focus on education and family well-being, housing and economic development, and neighborhood safety. We believe that the presence of a community fridge will serve not only as a food resource but also as a symbol of community care and solidarity—empowering residents to both give and receive support as needed.

The Dominican Center is committed to collaborating with community partners to ensure the success of this effort through outreach, education, and promotion among Amani residents. We recognize that innovative, grassroots projects like this strengthen the fabric of our neighborhood and contribute to long-term health and stability.

We wholeheartedly endorse the Community Powered Fridge project and look forward to seeing its positive impact in Amani and neighboring communities.

With appreciation and support,

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Dominican Center