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

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

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

On behalf of Havenwoods Neighborhood Partnership and BID #31, we are pleased to express our strong support for File #241777: Substitute Resolution directing the Department of City Development to explore the City of Milwaukee's acquisition of the 30th Street Corridor rail line and right-of-way.

As member of the coalition that is working on the Equitable Development Plan within the 30th Street Industrial Corridor, we understand how critical this rail line acquisition is to the future of Milwaukee. HNP and BID 31 fully support the mission to foster equitable economic development, enhance workforce opportunities, and improve transportation access for residents of the 30th St. Corridor.

This transformative vision is one that will benefit the surrounding communities with Havenwoods being no exception. We see the potential of this bike trail connection for the Havenwoods community. This trail will safely connect the central city to our family sustaining employment opportunities, our recreational assets and our retail commerce. Transportation for our workforce continues to be a barrier to employment in Havenwoods and this is one of many solutions that can open up new opportunities to those job seekers.

We support and value that EDP prioritizes anti-displacement strategies to ensure that neighborhood residents and businesses benefit from the revitalization of the Corridor. Our Milwaukee neighborhoods deserve to have access to healthy greenspace, recreation and safe bike trail transit without displacement.

We strongly encourage the Common Council to support this resolution.

Thank you for your dedicated service to our City.

Sincerely

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Havenwoods Neighborhood Partnership