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Honorable Members of the City Plan Commission:

I am writing in support of the Ramirez Family proposal to build Augustine Prep School on the south side of Milwaukee on property located at approximately 5th Street, south of West Harrison Avenue.

I have known the Ramirez family for many years. They have built a substantial and important business in our community and they have taken an active role in civic affairs. In particular, they are committed to urban education and to insuring that all children have access to high quality schools. We need families like the Ramirez family who are committed to our children and willing to commit significant resources to insure that there are schools committed to educating children in a loving environment and that recognizes that all children, regardless of economic circumstance, family background or ethnicity, are capable of outstanding academic achievement.

Gus and Becky, Austin and Heather, Abby and Omar, and Anna, have all used their resources, skills and talents in different ways to the same goal of insuring that children receive a good education in Milwaukee. Schools as diverse as Carmen, Bruce Guadalupe, St. Marcus, St. Anthony's and Carver have all benefitted directly from the work and generosity of the Ramirez family. They have all made

personal commitments to education and I urge you to enable the creation of Augustine Prep School so that Milwaukee families can reap the benefits of the Ramirez family commitments to our children.

Sincerely yours,

Donald W. Layden, Jr.