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City Plan Commission
809 Broadway
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Zoning and Neighborhood Development Committee
Milwaukee City Hall
200 E. Wells St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: Growing MKE

Dear City Plan Commissioners and Members of the Zoning and Neighborhood Development Committee,

Near West Side Partners (NWSP) strongly supports and recommends the adoption of Growing MKE as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan to establish a collective vision for how housing development can advance Milwaukee's goals for housing choice, equity, affordability, economic development, and climate resilience.

NWSP has been committed to improving the quality of housing in Milwaukee's Near West Side neighborhoods through data-informed and resident-engaged strategies. Among these efforts are assisting low to moderate income renters and homeowners resources to ensure the safety and stability of their homes, working with landlords to address conditions at their properties, and providing on-the-ground advocacy for City programs and resources.

NWSP's values and objectives are well-aligned with the Growing MKE plan. Adopting Growing MKE will create a strong, and much needed, framework for land use, zoning, and housing policy to meet the evolving housing needs of our communities.

Sincerely,

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