

Historic Water Tower Neighborhood

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Mr. Travis Andersen South Regional President for Ascension Wisconsin Ascension Wisconsin 400 West River Woods Parkway Glendale, WI 53212 c/o email: andrea.substyk@ascension.org

Mr. Andersen,

I am writing to ask that Ascension Wisconsin and Columbia St. Mary's delay any sale of land on N. Terrace Avenue until the City of Milwaukee expands the boundaries of the adjacent North Point North Historic District to include this property.

As you may know, the organization then known as Water Tower Landmark Trust and now Historic Water Tower Neighborhood negotiated numerous aspects of the hospital's Water Tower Commons project. Based on agreements with CSM, HWTN in 2005 ultimately endorsed the general planned development and detailed planned development (GPD and DPD) rezoning that allowed the CSM project to be built.

CSM's sale of the N. Terrace Avenue land was included in these agreements. HWTN suggested the sale as a way to create a buffer between the new CSM N. Lake Drive parking structure and return the land to residential use, preventing further institutional development on historic N. Terrace Avenue.

The understanding at the time of the 2005 rezoning was that the land would be included within a local historic district before it was sold. In the spirit of our negotiations and agreement and continued good neighbor relations, we ask that the hospital delay sale of the land until the city amends North Point North Historic District's boundaries to include the CSM land that would be sold for residential use.

One of our members who is a homeowner of that block is in the process of nominating this parcel for inclusion in the North Point North Historic District. We look forward to working with you in advance of your sale. Our goal remains for the sale of this property for use as single-family homes whose design reflects the character of our historic neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Gina Spang President, Historic Water Tower Neighborhood

 cc: Jennifer Recker-Jones, Ascension Wisconsin Senior Manager Real Estate Portfolio Nik Kovac, City of Milwaukee District 3 Alderman City of Milwaukee City Plan Commission Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Bruce Block, Attorney Tracy Rogers, Chief Operating Officer for Ascension Wisconsin