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Alderman Khalif Rainey  
Chair - Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee  
City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Alderman Rainey:

I am actively involved in the development of the Milwaukee Urban Stables project and have followed with keen interest the proceedings of the Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee related to the Urban Stables. I believe there are some important components of the project that have not been fully presented to the Committee and hope that you will give me the opportunity to meet with you to offer additional information. The Urban Stables as proposed promises to be a vibrant community gathering place, with the presence of the Mounted Patrol and its horses providing a catalyst for positive community engagement and much needed healing.

A key feature of the Urban Stables project is its robust community outreach program for police/community dialogue and healing. The planned Stables facility will be open to the public and includes 1,436 square feet of dedicated community meeting space. MPD mounted patrol activities at the Stables, combined with the planned trauma-informed equine assisted therapy activities, provide a unique platform for service learning programs for teens, experiential learning programs for younger kids, and dialogue and learning programs for police and community members in general.

A group of volunteers with experience organizing community initiatives is already engaged with a number of community partners (including MPD, Safe & Sound, Hamilton High School, and the Zablocki Veterans Administration Hospital) to develop programs for a Fall 2019 launch. Over 175 donors have already committed \$3.25 million to help bring this valuable community asset to life in our city. A commitment from the City of Milwaukee to have a police presence at the Urban Stables is critical for realizing the project's potential.

I would welcome a meeting with you to provide a more complete picture of the overall potential of the Urban Stables as a community center. During the next two weeks, I am available at the following times: Thursday, September 27th, 10:00am - 5:00pm; Monday, October 1st, 8:00am - 5:00pm; Wednesday, October 3rd, 8:00am - 5:00pm; Thursday, October 4th, 10:00am - 1:00pm. I have availability further out on my calendar as well, if that is more convenient for you.

Thank you for your kind consideration and your service to our city. I look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,

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