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Subject: Letter of support for the Children's Clinic to be located in the FH Library site
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To: Members of the Zoning, Neighborhoods, and Development Committee

Re: Email of support for the use of the former Forest Home Library site for the proposed Children's Hospital Clinic

I am writing an email of support on behalf of Milwaukee Christian Center for the Children's Hospital Clinic to be located in the former home of the Forest Home Library. Milwaukee Christian Center has an invested interest in the vitality of the area as we oversee a before and after school program at Forest Home Elementary School and we do community organizing in the Muskego Way area. Many of the families we serve live within a 3 mile radius of the proposed clinic.

The creation of the Children's Hospital clinic at the current site of what used to be the Forest Home Library building promises to be a wonderful addition for all residents and families within the Muskego Way area and the immediate south side of Milwaukee.

We take note first, that the former library has remained unoccupied for too long. The area needs continual positive investment in businesses and the neighborhood and we see the clinic as proposed doing just that. Secondly, Muskego Way and surrounding neighborhoods are densely populated with families that have children in need of a primary physician and regular health care checks. Having a clinic easily accessible for ongoing medical care would increase the probability and ease of receiving that primary care as prescribed. Finally many families we serve do not have access to transportation, so having a clinic within walking distance from schools and their homes will make it easier to insure physicals, preventive care, and triaging medical issues are addressed.

We know the historic nature of the building. Repurposing it for the good of the community allows a new legacy to be established beyond its original intent. To be most efficient it means a whole new structure. We ask the Zoning, Neighborhoods, and Development Committee to consider repurposing the Forest Home Library towards becoming a clinic that will serve a critical need in our community in a building designed to be inviting, energy efficient, and multifaceted in how it can provide for the

health needs of our young people on the near south side of Milwaukee.

Respectfully,

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