

TO: City of Milwaukee Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee
FROM: Anna Matos, Children's patient family
DATE: Tuesday, December 8, 2020
RE: Support for Children's Wisconsin proposed medical clinic

Chairman Pérez and Members of the Committee,

My name is Anna Matos and I live near 13th and Orchard Street. I am a mom to three children: my oldest – Sabastian, my daughter Luna and my son Elias. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today.

My family and I are grateful for the care we've received from Children's Wisconsin. My kids see their pediatrician at Children's Franklin Pediatrics and are also seen by several specialists including pulmonology, and ENT and my kids see Children's dentists. As it's the location closest to my home, I've often used the Children's urgent care location at Sixteenth Street Community Health Center.

When I heard about Children's plan to open a clinic closer to my home, I was thrilled. I don't drive so my mother, who lives with me, often helps with the kids' appointments. While the drive from where we live here on the south side to Children's to Franklin is not too far, having a clinic within a five minute walk from my house would be huge for my family. For me and my family, having a Children's clinic close by would be very convenient and reduce the time it takes for the kids' appointments - it would mean my mother wouldn't have to take time off work.

All children deserve access to kid-focused care and that's exactly what a new Children's clinic in our neighborhood would offer. I know many of our neighbors who have kids would benefit from having Children's nearby to help ensure kids can get the health care and other services they need to be healthy and well. Plus, if we have an urgent need, we know Children's will be there close by - ready to help us and provide the best and safest care for our kids.

I appreciate talking with you today and am glad to share my support for Children's proposed clinic on Forest Home. Thank you.