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Kristi Luzar submitted a new eComment.

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Item: 1. 210894 Substitute resolution relating to the appropriation of the remainder of the first tranche of American Rescue Plan Act funds.

eComment: We write in support of proposal 34 (sponsored by Ald. Johnson), the Milwaukee Rental Housing Resource Center (RHRC). We deeply appreciate the inclusion of the RHRC in the City's ARPA proposal, which will help ensure its sustainability over time with operating support. The 9 co-partners of the RHRC not only connect residents to immediate, eviction intervention services but they also work strategically together to improve the rental housing system. In the last year, the RHRC has built a "Triage Team" of 5 staff, serving 3,500 people since launch in late 2020. We also work proactively with the courts to review filings and ensure those at imminent risk of eviction are connected to resources. Additionally, we have worked with large landlords to use pre-filing approaches such as mediation and rent assistance. The work of the RHRC will be featured in an upcoming blog post for the National League of Cities. As the convening agency and RHRC administrator, along with our co-partners, we see first-hand the

impact of this innovative collaboration to prevent eviction and increase housing stability in Milwaukee. Sincerely, Kristi Luzar (UEDA), Andi Elliot & Deb Heffner (Community Advocates)

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