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Hello, council members!

I'm writing this letter to express support for the proposed CUP for a community treatment facility at 1720 Jackson Street. I live about 4 blocks from this building and walk or drive past it almost daily. (When I was a kid, this was my dentist's office!) The building has more to offer our community than its current use, and we desperately need innovative, comprehensive mental health treatment services.

I believe supporting this plan also supports people in our community who are at high risk of self harm and/or homelessness, many of whom face tremendous mental health and addiction challenges alone until they connect with a program like the one proposed. In the past, the common council has given a lot of weight to the fears and discomfort expressed by neighbors, prioritizing those concerns even when they have not been grounded by empathy or evidence, which should guide our community decision making. As a result, many good plans to help our community's most vulnerable residents haven't been realized. I hope that won't be the case tonight. Please support the CUP.

Thanks,
Jessica Thill
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