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As a member of the Washburn Neighborhood Association, I wish to register my support for the rezoning of the property at 508 South 5th Avenue to allow Catholic Charities to establish the Franciscan Community Resource Center at that location.

The services proposed to be offered at the new Resource Center include financial training, rent and utilities assistance, mental health and emotional support services among other supports for a vulnerable population. I support these services integral to the city's efforts to stem homelessness. The LaCrosse Collaborative to End Homelessness, together with Catholic Charities, has made strides to combat chronic homelessness. It is my understanding that services to be offered at this property would take place in the building; outdoor gatherings would be minimal. Although I resonate with some of the concerns of neighbors, I believe we need to work for the greater good of the community and persons who have fallen victim to the loss of jobs during this pandemic or other downturns in business or personal circumstances.

I support the request to rezone the property at 508 South 5th Avenue.

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