

March 14, 2024

Re: 24-0190 Zoning Petition for the REACH Center

Dear City Council Members,

The REACH Center zoning petitioners are writing to offer our full support of the amendment introduced by Councilperson Woodard to codify prohibited uses on the property previously submitted in our zoning petition.

We appreciated Councilperson Woodard's willingness to work collaboratively with us on this amendment and feel the result recognizes the commitments we have made to neighbors.

The oversight and enforcement language defines the community in which the covenant is meant to benefit, recognizing the REACH Center works *in service* to the neighborhood and community. This has been and continues to be our collective goal. As such, we fully support this language and the commitment it holds us to. Furthermore, language within this amendment has been adopted from a previous deed restriction on the property, demonstrating sound precedent for this action.

It is for these reasons that the REACH Center partners support the amendment as introduced by Councilperson Chris Woodard.

In addition to working with Councilperson Woodard on this amendment, we have continued our work to advance communication and problem solving with the neighborhood outside of the zoning conversation. We have requested time at the Downtown and Washburn Neighborhood Association meetings in April to discuss the Good Neighbor Agreement and will hold a community meeting for residents who do not subscribe to Neighborhood Associations. The goal of these meetings is to discuss the circulated draft for feedback and next steps.

We thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our zoning petition and service to the City of La Crosse.

Sincerely,

REACH Center Zoning Petitioners
Hetti Brown, Couleecap
Laurie Cooper-Stoll, YWCA La Crosse
Kim Hawthorne, Scenic Bluffs Community Health Center