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To The Honorable Daniel La Spata
Alderperson of the 1st Ward
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Subject Support for the proposed development at 2758 N. Mozart St

Dear Alderman La Spata,

We are writing to express strong support for the proposed development at [2758 N. Mozart St](#), which would transform a lot that's been vacant for nearly a decade into a vibrant mixed-use space that provides substantial benefits to our community.

First and foremost, this development directly addresses our city's critical need for more housing. By adding 40 new homes, including dedicated affordable units, the project helps increase supply and provides more options for residents at different income levels. Additional new housing is a practical and necessary measure to help stabilize and reduce the high cost of housing in our neighborhood and across the city as a whole.

Furthermore, replacing an empty lot with a dense residential building offers substantial environmental benefits. With 9 car parking spaces, more space can be dedicated to housing; this encourages a less car-dependent lifestyle by placing residents within walking and biking distance of local amenities and public transit options. This form of smart, transit-oriented development reduces traffic congestion and carbon emissions, contributing to a healthier and more sustainable environment for everyone.

Finally, this project is a direct investment in our local economy and increases the tax base. The new residents will become a built-in customer base for the small businesses along Diversey Ave. and the surrounding streets. They will frequent our local coffee shops, restaurants, and retail stores, providing the consistent patronage needed for these vital businesses to thrive.

This proposal is a clear win for our community: it provides needed housing, promotes sustainable living, and supports our local entrepreneurs. We urge you to approve this project and help turn this empty lot into a vibrant community asset.

We are interested in meeting with you along with proponents and opponents to the project to discuss why we support the proposal, if that is something of interest to the involved parties.

Sincerely,
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