



September 30, 2005

Mr. Paul Van Rooy
Common Council President
City of Madison Common Council
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Room 417
Madison, WI 53703

RE: Pres House Renovation and Addition - 731 State Street

Dear Mr. Van Rooy,

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has been working closely with the staff and planning team on the Pres House Renovation and Addition project over the past year. We fully support this project and its mission to provide convenient, high quality and affordable housing for our non-first-year students in the heart of our campus.

The university is working on potentially leasing a portion of the new building to house our Humanities Institutes and will provide permit parking for the Pres House staff in nearby university parking facilities. We are also drafting easement documents to facilitate service and emergency access around this new building in concert with planning for our new Arts and Humanities District buildings on the lower campus. Setback easements are also being granted by the University to allow for the Pres House project to be fully developed on its site.

We believe this is a win-win solution for all and look to the Common Council for their full support of this exciting project.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Director, Planning & Landscape Architecture

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