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Dear Mayor and Members of the Madison Common Council

I write in support of the Plan Commission action on the proposed rezoning for the Pres House project

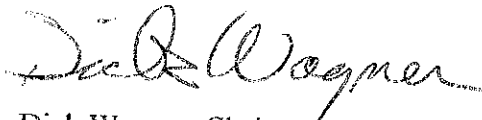
As Chair of the Building Committee for St. Paul's Catholic Center, the next door neighbor, I have had the opportunity to work with the Pres House Board, ministers, and consultants as the project has developed

St. Paul's and Pres House are both important parts of the UW Madison campus area and in the services they have historically provided to students, faculty, and the community. As the face of the city changes both have been examining their facilities and space needs and services they can provide in the future. The UW's vision for the new East Campus also serves an impetus for updated structures on these sites. The Pres House proposal and the plans that St. Paul's is weighing both seek better and more intensive land uses on the isthmus in line with city plans and policies

Because of the physical closeness of the two facilities, their similar missions, and the tightness of urban sites, cooperation between the Pres House and St. Paul's is important to the successful functioning of redevelopment proposals. Both institutions have consulted on arrangements and plans that will work for their projects

I believe that the city and the campus community will benefit from the Pres House project and that the Plan Commission action to recommend approval subject to conditions is in the best interest of the city so that the project can proceed. Thank you for favorable consideration on the project

Sincerely,



Dick Wagner, Chair
St. Paul's Building Committee

cc: Fr. Randy Timmerman