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Mark A. Olinger, Executive Director Madison Community Development Authority 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Room LL-100 Madison, WI 53701-2985

Dear Mr. Olinger:

As you are aware, the City of Madison has been interested in acquiring the Truman Olson United States Army Reserve Center at 1402 S. Park Street for several years. The purpose for this acquisition would be to accommodate a much needed new street to provide better vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian connections within this diverse neighborhood and provide a framework to promote economic development through the redevelopment of underutilized properties in the vicinity.

The portion of the city where this facility is located has been the subject of several neighborhood based planning efforts in recent years. The South Madison Neighborhood Plan (2005) and the Wingra Market Study and Conceptual Redevelopment Plan (2006) were adopted by the Madison Common Council and represent official statements of policy regarding the desired future of the area. Both plans (attached) indicate the importance for this street connection as one of the keys to unlocking the redevelopment potential this area contains.

The City would welcome the opportunity to work with the Community Development Authority in acquiring this strategic parcel to achieve these important community goals. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if the City can be of further assistance in pursuing this important opportunity.

Sincerely,

David J. Cieslewic Mayor

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CC:

Ald. Julia Kerr, 13<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District Ald. Timothy Bruer, 14<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District



