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Subject: Comments Regarding Rethke Ave Supporting Housing Project

Mr. Martin:

I am writing to provide comments regarding the plans for the Rethke Ave. supportive housing development, which will be presented at tonight's UDC meeting.

The execution of the functional aspects of the supportive housing project will be of paramount concern to our neighborhood. At the same time, we are aware that the design of the development will have a significant impact on our neighborhood, especially on those businesses and residences closest to the site. For example, the proposed site backs up to an in-home daycare center and is adjacent to a chiropractic clinic. Both of these businesses are well-established and contribute positively to our neighborhood and the closing of either of them would be a loss. It is crucial that the development be designed in such a way as to minimize harms to these businesses, as well as other properties in the immediate vicinity of the development.

In July of this year, Heartland presented the preliminary site plans to the neighborhood and solicited feedback regarding those plans. It appears that minimal changes have been made as a result of that feedback. I am unsure precisely why that is and that is a question only Heartland can answer. It strikes me, however, that perhaps the small size of the lot compared to the large size of the proposed building may mean that there is little room for adjustments. If that is true, perhaps thought needs to be given as to whether this is the correct lot for a development of this size.

Thank you in advance for your careful consideration of this proposed development.

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