

**AMENDMENT to Agenda Item No. 66 – Legislative File No. 32691
Submitted by Ald. David Ahrens, D. 15**

WHEREAS, the communities in which this project will be sited are the Hawthorne and Carpenter-Ridgeway neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, these two communities have had the greatest decline in home property values and home median income, respectively, of all city assessment districts; and, Page | 1

WHEREAS, these communities have relatively high crime rates, very low levels of commercial investment and are located at the intersection of Highway 30 and E. Washington Ave; and,

WHEREAS, the placement of this 60-unit efficiency permanent housing project in these neighborhoods may present significant burdens on the community and have unknown adverse effects; and,

WHEREAS, there has been no examination or analysis of the potential effects of this unique project on these communities; and,

WHEREAS, “community impact reports” are a standard best practice used to evaluate effects of governmental and commercial projects such as transportation construction;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2013 the Council passed resolution number 13-00226 directing Planning, Community Development and CDA staff to explore locations, financing, and partnership options for the development of additional single-room occupancy housing for very low income people within the City of Madison (the “SRO Report”); and,

WHEREAS, in June of 2013 staff submitted the SRO Report and after review and comments by the Housing Strategy Committee, the CDA, and the CDBG Committee, the Council accepted the SRO Report; and,

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2013 the Council passed Resolution No. RES 13 00804 directing the CDA to draft and issue a request for qualifications for development services relating to the development and financing of housing for adults who are homeless or at high risk of homelessness (the “Permanent Supported Housing”) and on December 3, 2013, the Council passed Enacted Resolution No. RES 13 00878 recommending the selection of Heartland Housing, Inc. for the provision of development services; and,

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2013 the Council passed Resolution No. RES 13 00833 directing the CDA to draft and issue a request for qualifications for property management, case management, and supportive services relating to the Permanent Supportive Housing (the “RFQ”); and,

WHEREAS, the CDA issued the RFQ for such services described above and properly advertized the RFQ and three (3) organizations submitted response to the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, an ad hoc committee of the CDA interviewed all of the organizations that responded to the RFQ and recommended the selection of Heartland Housing, Inc. and Heartland Health Outreach for property management, case management and supportive services for the Permanent Supportive Housing, **and,**

WHEREAS, the communities in which this project will be sited are the Hawthorne and Carpenter-Ridgeway neighborhoods; and,

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that subject to negotiation and approval of definitive agreements, the Mayor and the Council approve the selection of Heartland Housing, Inc. and Heartland Health Outreach for the provision of property management, case management and supportive services for the Permanent Supportive Housing, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city conducts a community impact study on the possible social and economic impact and effects on the communities. This should include effects on community cohesion, commercial activity and investment, residential property values, community self-perception, safety and employment. This report should be made available to the community 30 days prior to the Planning Commission meeting on the conditional use application.