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Dear Common Council members,

On behalf of the Truax Resident Advisory Committee (TRAC), we are writing to express our support for Healthy Retail Access Program funds (agenda item #77) for the Go-oh grocery store.

As members of TRAC, we are a group of mothers who are organizing and advocating for the Truax neighborhood and for the East side as a whole. TRAC is made up of current and former Truax residents.

As a group, we met with Jerreh Kujabi and Kaba Bah to learn more about the project, and we are very excited to welcome them to our neighborhood.

One of our reasons for being excited for this project is that there will no longer be a Visions, which has caused safety concerns for our community. Additionally, this will avoid another vacant building in the neighborhood, which causes further blight and reinforces stereotypes about the Truax community.

The Go-oh grocery store will also bring employment opportunities within walking distance to Truax residents, which is especially important for those who don't have transportation.

As a small, locally-owned grocery store that will employ our neighbors, we are thankful to know the money we spend there will not only go to support this Black-owned business but will also stay in our community.

We strongly encourage you to vote in favor of funding for Go-oh Groceries.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

The Truax Resident Advisory Committee

- Marbeli Bruno

- Rosie Haskins

- Tyna Moore

- Kim Neuschel
- Jedauri Robinson
- Bridget Rogers
- Mya Whitson