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DATE: September 1, 2010

TO: Members of the CDBG Commission

FROM: Ald. Michael Schumacher, District 18

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item #4 Legislative File No. 19348 - Independent Living, Inc.'s request for CDBG funds for acquisition/construction funding for the Cherokee Prairie Senior Housing project**

I am unable to attend your meeting on September 2, 2010 but wanted to convey my strong support for Independent Living's request for \$345,000 of CDBG money plus the additional Scattered Site funds of \$87,000 for the acquisition and construction costs associated with the Phase 1 of their Cherokee Prairie Senior Housing project, an assisted living facility proposed for the city's Northside. I have received overwhelming and positive support from the residents in my district.

This proposal is a necessary and important facility for Northside residents. Northside neighborhoods have experienced a 6% increase in persons 65 and older from 1990 to 2000 and that percentage is predicted to increase in the future. The location of the facility is also important because it will be close to the services that Cherokee Prairie Senior Housing provides. This project will provide an affordable alternative for seniors to remain in our community and to live with independence and dignity.

In addition this proposed facility will provide our area with much needed and well paying jobs during the construction of the facility and in the long term by the hiring of 30-40 full time employees.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

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