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The attached letters of support were submitted to the Community Services Commission in response to their 2009 Preliminary Recommendations for Community Resources Program funding.

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Youth Services of Wisconsin	Casey Behrend
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Neighborhood House Community Ctr	Neighborhood House
North/Eastside Senior Coalition &	Satya Rhodes-Conway
Northside Planning Council	
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YOUTH SERVICES OF SOUTHERN WISCONSIN, INC.

To: Community Services Commission

From: Casey Behrend, Youth Services of S.WI

Date: July 24, 2008

Re: 2009 Preliminary Recommendations

Thank you for your 2009 funding recommendations in support of the following services provided by our organization:

- Children of Violent Homes
- Runaway and Homeless Youth
- Youth Groups
- Youth Work Crew – Allied/South West Bike Trail

While there are many fine human services programs in Madison, we believe the quality and effectiveness of the services we deliver are among the best in our community.

Also, thank you for including our **Youth Peer Court Program** on the Supplemental Requests Priority List in Program Area IV, Youth Services. We are hopeful that the City of Madison will provide funding for this program so we can continue offering youth court services in the Allied Drive area in 2009 and expand this program into a second emerging neighborhood.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of our community.

July 25, 2008

Community Services Commission
Office of Community Services
Madison Municipal Building, Room 225
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P.O. Box 2627
Madison, WI 53701

Dear Members of the Community Services Commission,

On behalf of the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County and the 1600 members and their families that we serve, I would like to thank you for your past support and request your continued support of our funding requests through the Office of Community Services, specifically Program Areas IV (Youth Services) and VII (Neighborhood Organizing and Capacity Building-Core)

The demand for the programs and services of the Boys & Girls Club continues to grow and we have responded by taking a proactive approach to seeking out sources of support and additional resources, rather than cutting staff, programs or hours. Our programs, especially those that provide academic support for the middle and high school youth served at our South Madison and Allied centers, are critical to helping reduce the spiraling dropout rate, address issues of violence and gangs and help solve many of the problems facing our young people and community. Our Job Ready program has helped many young people develop the skills needed to secure employment, giving them exposure to career opportunities and hope for a bright future. Our Keystone and Torch Club leadership programs have provided numerous opportunities for community service, intergenerational programs and events and neighborhood interaction for the South Madison and Allied-Dunn's Marsh neighborhoods.

I am asking for your support of the CSC Preliminary Recommendations adopted at the meeting of July 16, 2008, and realize that the 5% Contingency Cut Plan is dependent on the Mayor's recommendation. Again, I thank you for your past support of the Boys & Girls Club and appreciate your consideration of our request for funding in the 2009-2010 budget cycle.

Sincerely,

Marcia Hendrickson
Chief Professional Officer

To: Community Services Commission
From: Neighborhood House Community Center
Re: Proposed Funding Recommendations for 2009-2010

Thank you for this opportunity to address you regarding Neighborhood House's request for additional funding for 2009-2010.

As you know, Neighborhood House Community Center has had a 100% turnover in staffing in 2008. On April 1st, Linda Weyenberg retired from her position as Executive Director and Zanna Majerle assumed that position on that date. On May 19th, our half-time Youth Director and full-time Program Director resigned and vacated their positions. Craig Henrickson was hired as our full-time Youth Program Coordinator, and Oroki Rice was hired as a half-time Program Assistant, and both began employment on May 26th. Neighborhood House feels very confident in the abilities of our new staff, and we are excited about the energy and direction they bring to us. While at one time our program development may have seemed stagnant, we are poised to expand our programming and deepen our relationship to the community.

Neighborhood House is going through a restructuring phase wherein we have committed to be more deliberate and intentional in our programming and in addressing the needs of the neighborhood. We have adopted a new Mission Statement: *Neighborhood House helps create community by providing space, programs, and opportunities for our neighbors to gather and inform one another, celebrate, and become involved in such a way that hearts are changed and lives transformed.* In light of our new mission statement, we are in the process of developing *The Academy at Neighborhood House*, an organizing umbrella for all of our programs, founded on our renewed commitment to lifelong education and providing resources to our neighbors to help them achieve their life goals – from the youngest to our elders. *The Academy* builds on the history of Neighborhood House's role in our community; we see Neighborhood House as holding a unique position that gives us access to families, youth, and seniors who might not have the opportunity to participate in community life if not for their involvement in our programs and facility use.

The Academy at Neighborhood House will encompass the new programs for which we requested funding from the Office of Community Services. We feel that it is vital that these programs be funded, in order for us to move forward with our new framework and vision. These programs are: Kids Fitness, Youth Community Service Leadership, and Youth Restorative Justice. They are a vital component of *The Academy* in that they provide meaningful educationally-based opportunities to: increase fitness (a rising concern for youth in low income families); connect youth with their community to promote empathy and compassion for others; and reduce recidivism in juvenile crime by providing victim-offender mediation that repairs the harm done by juvenile offenders and holds them accountable in a meaningful way.

Staff are excited about the opportunities that *The Academy* brings to educate our youth in these essential disciplines: math, reading, science, writing, life skills, fitness, art, self-care. Your support is more than financial – it signifies your trust and commitment to the staff and volunteers of Neighborhood House as we help our youngsters grow and learn how to be solid adults who are connected to their communities and families. We ask you to reconsider our request so that the dreams and hopes of our new staff can begin to take flight, and so that Neighborhood House can once again be relevant and meaningful to the lives of those we serve.

From: Ragland, Enis
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2008 8:13 AM
To: Stoiber, Jennifer; Noel, Laura
Subject: FW: re: CSC preliminary recommendations
FYI

From: Rhodes-Conway, Satya
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2008 9:45 PM
To: Ragland, Enis
Cc: tim@northsideplanningcouncil.org; Cheryl Batterman
Subject: re: CSC preliminary recommendations

Enis -

Please convey this to the Commission members for Tuesday's meeting.

Thank you
Satya

Community Service Commissioners -

I'm sorry I'm not able to join you at the hearing tonight. I'll be at the Council "committee of the whole" discussing the 2009 budget. I want to convey to you my appreciation for and recommendation of two excellent organizations that serve the Northside of Madison and my constituents. First, the North East Senior Coalition, which provides many important services to seniors in my district. As a member of the Warner Park Center Advisory Committee, I get regular reports on NESCO's activities in the Center and am very impressed with the variety and quality of their programming. Second, the Northside Planning Council, which works diligently to cultivate citizen leaders, strengthen neighborhoods and build community on the Northside. It has been my pleasure to work with NPC since I was elected. I am impressed with their collective ability to get things done, with the remarkable way three staff people motivate and support dozens of neighborhood leaders, with their thoughtful assessment of and focus on issues important to the Northside. I'm also impressed with their commitment to fundraising a significant portion of their annual budget. I'm pleased to see continued support for these two organizations in your preliminary recommendations, and I hope you will forward a proposal to the Mayor and the Council that maintains this support.

Thanks
Satya

Satya Rhodes-Conway
Alder, District 12

From: Ragland, Enis
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2008 9:25 AM
To: Noel, Laura; Stoiber, Jennifer
Subject: FW: Community Services Commission hearing
FYI

From: Cheryl R [mailto:ceredman@wisc.edu]
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2008 9:15 AM
To: Ragland, Enis
Cc: tim@northsideplanningcouncil.org
Subject: Community Services Commission hearing

Dear commission members,

I write to urge support for continued funding of the Northside Planning Council (NPC) in this next funding cycle. The hard work of NPC has allowed me to move into an internationally unique co-housing community at Troy Gardens on the far north side.

Over twenty-five years ago I left the north side because there was no sense of community and neighborhood connections. Almost fifteen years ago I started receiving the Northside News at my home on the east side. It was through the newspaper published by NPC that I learned about all of the community building that was taking place. There was a welcome change in the air! That good news led me to seek to move into the 31-acre land conservancy that makes up Troy Gardens.

We Madisonians need strong neighborhoods. They are the life blood of our city. We need the City to help us keep our neighborhoods vital through monetary support.

Thank you for your consideration,
Cheryl Redman

Cheryl Redman
522 Troy Drive
Madison, WI 53704-1575
608-241-4820

From: Noel, Laura
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2008 2:38 PM
To: Stoiber, Jennifer; Wendorf, Lorri
Subject: FW: continued funding for Northside Planning Council

From: margaret pitts [mailto:margepitts@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2008 1:38 PM
To: Noel, Laura
Subject: continued funding for Northside Planning Council

Dear Community Services Commission:

I am writing to ask that you recommend funding the Northside Planning Council (NPC) for 2009. Through its work NPC has helped create many of the strongest assets in our community: Troy Community Gardens & Housing, Pierce's Grocery Store, the Warner Park Community Recreation Center, the Northside Farmer's Market, and more. Without this body of community leaders, the efforts to advocate for the continued improvement of our part of the city would be greatly hampered, and little change or improvement would happen.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Marge Pitts
3617 Harper Rd.
Madison, WI 53704

FW CORRECTED (minor correction) RE Planning Council funding.txt
From: Noel, Laura
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2008 12:14 PM
To: Stoiber, Jennifer; Wendorf, Lorri
Subject: FW: CORRECTED (minor correction) RE: Planning Council funding

FYI and for the packet

-----Original Message-----

From: rpaolino@execpc.com [mailto:rpaolino@execpc.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 26, 2008 9:55 PM
To: rpaolino@execpc.com; Ragland, Enis; Noel, Laura
Subject: CORRECTED (minor correction) RE: Planning Council funding

Original Message:

From: rpaolino@execpc.com rpaolino@execpc.com
Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2008 22:45:37 -0400
To: eragland@ci.madison.wi.us, lnoel@ci.madison.wi.us
Subject: Planning Council funding

Dear Community Services Commission:

I write to urge you to support continued funding for the Northside Planning Council. The work of the NPC brings people in the community together to build strong neighbourhoods and an improved quality of life on the Northside. Compared to the alternatives, I don't see how the city could afford NOT to support the cost-effective accomplishments of planning councils.

When I moved to Wisconsin in the early 1990s, I rented on the near eastside at the time. In the papers and TV news, "Vera Court" were the words that spoke of the kinds of things going wrong in Madison.

But look at the Northside today compared to back then: Kids from Vera Court and Mendota School are involved in children's programs at Troy Gardens. Affordable home ownership has emerged on real estate that was once commercial property where illicit activity was a major nuisance. We have a community recreation centre that is a gem in this city. We have an expanded branch library. In the shopping strip where a large predatory corporation bought out and deliberately closed the Northside's only supermarket, we now have a supermarket (admittedly a small-medium sized one) with regional ownership that cares about the surrounding community. On Sundays we have a small but lively farmers' market. Those are just a sample of the good things that NPC has helped accomplish on the Northside.

The Northside Planning Council played a significant role in these positive developments on the Northside. By the time I became a Madison homeowner, I had absolutely no qualms about moving within a couple blocks of Vera Court. NPC has accomplished a lot, and has more work to do on the Northside to continue to improve the livability of this part of the city. The relatively small amount of money that goes to planning councils can go a long way in making Madison a great place to live. Think of the alternative of not making that small, but very important investment in Madison's neighbourhoods. Think of where we might end up (and how much it will cost) if we don't have NPC working to bring Northsiders together for a strong community.

Bob Paolino
Northside resident (District 12)

From: Noel, Laura
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2008 1:37 PM
To: Stoiber, Jennifer; Wendorf, Lorri
Subject: FW: Funding for Northside Planning Council (NPC) for 2009
For the file
L

From: Patricia Morgan [mailto:morgangock@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2008 1:03 PM
To: Noel, Laura
Subject: Funding for Northside Planning Council (NPC) for 2009

Community Services Commission:

As a resident of the northside of Madison, I write to encourage you to recommend the continuation of funding for Northside Planning Council (NPC) for 2009.

The NPC is a valuable asset for the entire northside community and for Madison. Through its work, NPC has assisted in the establishment of Troy Community Gardens & Housing, Pierce's Grocery Store, Warner Park Community Recreation Center, Northside Farmers' Market, and more.

Without the NPC and its proactive community leaders, advocacy efforts for the continued improvement of our part of Madison would be greatly restricted. The NPC is a positive driving force for change and improvement on the northside and in the city of Madison. The northside and Madison need NPC.

Funding the NPC is an investment in the future of Madison.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Patricia A. Morgan
1718 Sachtjen Street
Madison, WI 53704

From: Noel, Laura
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2008 1:37 PM
To: Wendorf, Lorri; Stoiber, Jennifer
Subject: FW: Funding recommendation for Northside Planning Council
For the file
L

From: Thompson, Karen [mailto:kthompson@anchorbank.com]
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2008 1:03 PM
To: Noel, Laura
Subject: Funding recommendation for Northside Planning Council

Dear Community Services Commission:

I am writing to ask that you continue to recommend funding the Northside Planning Council for 2009. NPC has created or helped to create many of the strongest assets in our community - Troy Gardens and Housing, Pierces grocery, Warner Park Community Recreations Center, Library expansion, Northside Farmer's Market, and more. Without this body of community leaders, the efforts to advocate for continued improvement of our part of the city would be greatly hampered and little change or improvements would happen.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Karen M. Thompson
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From: Noel, Laura
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2008 2:52 PM
To: Stoiber, Jennifer; Wendorf, Lorri
Subject: FW: Funding Recommendation

From: Moriarity, Nikki [mailto:Moriarity@co.dane.wi.us]
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2008 2:51 PM
To: Noel, Laura
Subject: Funding Recommendation

Dear Community Services Commission:

I am writing to ask that you recommend funding the Northside Planning Council (NPC) for 2009. Through its work NPC has helped create many of the strongest assets in our community: Troy Community Gardens & Housing, Pierce's Grocery Store, the Warner Park Community Recreation Center, the Northside Farmer's Market, and more. Without this body of community leaders, the efforts to advocate for the continued improvement of our part of the city would be greatly hampered, and little change or improvement would happen.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Nikki Moriarity
501 East Bluff
Madison, WI 53704
608-663-6384

FW In support of Planning Council Funding.txt

From: Ragland, Enis
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2008 8:16 AM
To: Stoiber, Jennifer; Noel, Laura
Subject: FW: In support of Planning Council Funding

-----Original Message-----

From: luna@merr.com [mailto:luna@merr.com]
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2008 6:49 AM
To: Ragland, Enis
Subject: In support of Planning Council Funding

Dear Mr. Ragland-

I am writing to ask the city Community Services Commission to continue their funding for the Northside Planning Council. I have been impressed by the tremendous amount of action and progress that this organization has been able to achieve in the 9 years I have lived on the north side of Madison. It seems to me that a very small amount of money has managed to leverage a lot of influence to bring about positive change here in my part of town. The recent help the NPC provided to a neighborhood association (Berkeley Oaks) and a developer (Tom Keller) to bring about a new commercial development that met both their needs is an example of how the NPC is providing badly-needed services to the broader community. This development will offer opportunities to growing small businesses so they can continue growing, hire more people, and increase their ability to serve this and other Madison neighborhoods. While we have excellent alderpersons, this sort of a situation would not have had as positive an outcome without the support and assistance from the NPC. I would hate to see this resource be cut or eliminated at a time when we need more help than ever to keep our neighborhood moving in a positive direction.

Thank you for your time on this matter.

Sincerely,

Myrtle Wilhite, MD, MS
925 Burning Wood Way
Madison, WI 53703

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<http://link.mail2web.com/LIVE>

From: Noel, Laura
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2008 12:10 PM
To: Stoiber, Jennifer; Wendorf, Lorri
Subject: FW: July 29 funding meeting
FYI & please add to packet

From: Vogel, Laura L (GE Healthcare) [mailto:Laura.Vogel@med.ge.com]
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2008 2:24 PM
To: Noel, Laura
Subject: July 29 funding meeting

Dear Community Services Commission:

I am writing to ask that you recommend funding the Northside Planning Council (NPC) for 2009. Through its work, NPC helped create many of the strongest assets our community has to offer: Troy Community Gardens & Housing, Pierce's Grocery Store, the Warner Park Community Recreation Center, and the Northside Farmer's Market, just to name a few. These assets are enjoyed by residents throughout the city, not just those living on the Northside.

It is through the efforts of the community leaders on the NPC that we are able to enjoy these treasures. For this reason, I strongly encourage you to recommend funding for 2009.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Laura Vogel
4 Bayside Dr.
Madison

From: Noel, Laura

Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2008 9:04 AM

To: 'David Carpenter'

Subject: RE: Support for funding the Northside Planning Council

Dear Mr. Carpenter,

Thank you for your comments. I will forward these to the Commission.
Laura Noel

From: David Carpenter [mailto:dcarpenter3@charter.net]

Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2008 7:31 AM

To: Noel, Laura

Subject: Support for funding the Northside Planning Council

Dear Community Services Commission:

Please recommend full funding for the Northside Planning Council in the 2009 budget. It's critical importance in holding the north side to a higher standard must be maintained. Thank you.

David E. Carpenter
53 Cherokee Circle #201
Madison, WI 53704

RE support for Planning Councils.txt

From: Noel, Laura
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2008 9:05 AM
To: 'W Wallace Cleland'
Subject: RE: support for Planning Councils

Dear Mr. Cleland,

Thank you for your comments. I will forward this message to the Commission.
Laura Noel

-----Original Message-----

From: W Wallace Cleland [mailto:cleland@biochem.wisc.edu]
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2008 8:39 AM
To: Noel, Laura
Subject: support for Planning Councils

July 24, 2008

Dear Community Services Commission:

Since I will be out of town at your meeting next week, I am writing to ask that you recommend funding the Northside Planning Council (NPC) for 2009. Through its work NPC has helped create many of the strongest assets in our community: Troy Community Gardens & Housing, Pierce's Grocery Store, the Warner Park Community Recreation Center, the Northside Farmer's Market, and more. Without this body of community leaders, the efforts to advocate for the continued improvement of our part of the city would be greatly hampered, and little change or improvement would happen. The relatively small amount of money involved is certainly justified by the impact the NPC has.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,
W. Wallace Cleland
1518 Pleasure Drive
Madison, WI 53704