

To: Truman Olson Selection Committee
From: South Madison Leaders
Re: Protecting Healthy Food Access in South Madison
Date: April 3, 2019

The health and well-being of the families of South Madison is of great concern to us. Studies show that access to affordable, nutritious food is a major driver of people's health. The plan to tear down the Pick 'n Save puts at even greater risk those that are already at risk.

The proposed solutions of providing taxi vouchers or food delivery do not adequately address the needs of those who rely on food stamps or don't have the time to travel long distances with young children.

Tearing down this store without a replacement creates a food desert for Bram's Addition, Capitol View, Burr Oaks, Leopold, Arbor Hills, Bay Creek, and the entire area south of Wingra Creek and east of the Park Street corridor that the city recognizes as Food Access Improvement area.

We implore the City, the Mayor, SSM Health, Welton Enterprises and Kroger to find a solution that puts family health first before it is too late.

Best regards,

Rev. Marcus Allen, Mt. Zion Church
Kaleem Caire, One City Learning Center
Lisa Peyton-Caire, Foundation for Black Women's Wellness
Michael Johnson, Boys & Girls Club
Linda Ketchum, Madison Urban Ministry
Isadore Knox, South Metropolitan Planning Council
Oscar Mireles, Omega School
Gailden Moore, Dane County Branch of the NAACP
Rev. Lisa Nelson, St. Mark's Church
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