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To: Common Council Members

Re: Common Council Agenda Item No. 13 – Legislative File ID #16313 Approve the provision of \$71,850 in CDBG funds to the Madison Metropolitan School District for space and operating costs at the Meadowood Neighborhood Center, 5734 Raymond Road.

I am writing on behalf of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association.

The neighborhood association is in full support of the Meadowood Neighborhood Center and views the center as a critical component in the continuation of building community and providing program opportunities within Meadowood and southwest Madison.

We support the high quality and wide-range of on-site MSCR programming that benefits all Meadowood residents - youth, families and seniors. The neighborhood center's presence has greatly enhanced the initiatives already supported by our neighborhood association: a Community Garden at Meadowood Park, a Southwest Community Farmers Market and the Neighbor-To-Neighbor Timebank Initiative. The center has also been the site for our Meadowood Community Suppers. The suppers bring our residents together to share a meal and discuss the issues that concern them such as safety and service needs. More importantly the Meadowood Neighborhood Center provides a comfortable and safe setting for people to get to know one another.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of this much needed facility in our neighborhood. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

CC:

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- Link to Isthmus article 7/30/09 "Meadowood Neighborhood Center quickly becoming valuable asset" - http://www.thedailypage.com/daily/article.php?article=26545
- Link to Madison Times article "MSCR and city team up for Meadowood Neighborhood Center" - http://www.themadisontimes.com/articles/local-news/mscr-and-city-teaam-upfor-meadowood-neighborhood-center

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