



November 29, 2023

Detroit City Council
2 Woodward, Suite 1340
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Re: Community engagement efforts for The Future of Health Project

Dear Honorable City Council:

Community engagement is a crucial element in ensuring that the community's voice is not only heard but also valued and respected, particularly in the context of proposals such as "The Future of Health" Project." Since the project's announcement, residents throughout the Virginia Park area have actively participated in substantive discussions regarding the project's benefits, potential impacts, and provided general feedback.

The benefits of an expanded hospital campus, and research center, are well suited to support, and advance the health priorities of the community. It is for that reason, that I write to support their transformational brownfield plan related to the project's east campus development.

I am grateful to be able to collaborate with three organizations that are dedicated to ensuring residents have viable channels to contribute their input to this process. Specifically in the Virginia Park neighborhood, the project team has actively participated in and facilitated numerous community meetings, organized project site bus tours, and consistently provided updates to our community.

Moreover, they maintain ongoing communication with the community, responding to questions, collecting additional feedback, and addressing any concerns that may arise. I am delighted to offer this letter of support for the project's engagement efforts and anticipate continued collaboration with the project partners to further enhance their outreach and impact within the community.

Thank you,

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