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February 25, 2025

Mayor Cavalier Johnson
City of Milwaukee
City Hall, 200 E. Wells Street, Room 201, Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Mayor Johnson,

As HACM residents and Common Ground, we are disappointed that you continue to ignore public housing residents and did not consider any of the highly-qualified candidates we recommended to you for the remaining resident seat on the HACM Board. Resident leaders across properties collectively suggested four candidates whom we would like to represent us. You did not respond to us or contact those candidates.

We want residents living in public housing (Section 9) to be represented on the HACM Board. Section 9 housing in Milwaukee is in aging highrises that are long overdue for renovation. The residents in these buildings are predominantly low-income seniors and people with disabilities living on government support. These residents live in highly-communal environments which present unique opportunities and challenges.

Thousands of HACM residents are seniors in low-income towers. It is fair, right, and *advantageous* for the second resident commissioner to be *from* public housing. HACM will be better positioned to listen, identify issues, balance diverse perspectives, and rebuild trust.

More fundamentally, we are disheartened that you remain unwilling to listen to us. Why not consider our recommendations? Being low-income does not make us un-important. Stop treating us as though we do not exist or matter.

We commend the new HACM leadership for listening to residents. And we wonder why you will not listen to us, as well. Don't we all want great public housing? You have ignored us for years, repeatedly siding with Willie Hines and the indefensible status quo.

- You defended Mr. Hines multiple times in 2023 and 2024, [even telling the Journal-Sentinel that he speaks for your administration](#) after HUD's damning audits became public in 2023.
- You [told TMJ4](#) in December 2023 that conditions were "improving" and that HACM was just experiencing a natural "ebb and flow."
- In June 2024, you declined to meet with College Court tenants and tour their property.
- After bad press [in the Washington Post](#) May 2024, you performatively and briefly visited three buildings, then told the Common Council you did so "without fanfare and posturing."
- In August 2024, after College Court tenants announced a class-action lawsuit over a bed bug infestation, you suggested our concerns over living conditions were "overblown."

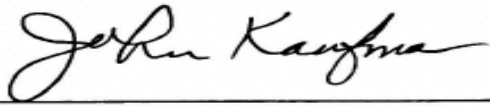
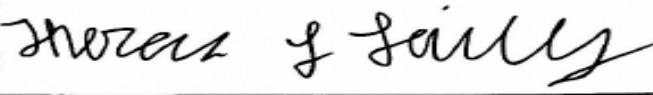

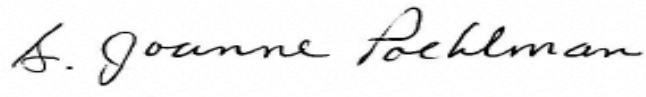
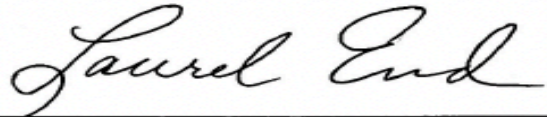


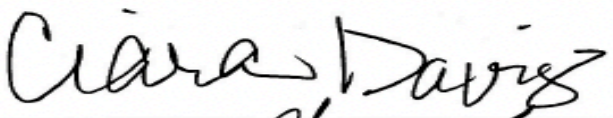
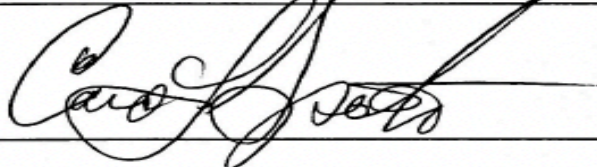
- In December 2024, once Mr. Hines stepped down, you declined to meet and reconcile with us.

Low-income seniors in public housing deserve to have a real seat at the table. We deserve to choose who represents us. For you, this might be about politics and power. For us, it is about our homes and wellbeing. Please listen to us.

We ask that you hold your other nominee until a more democratic process is established so that residents may decide who we want to represent us on the Board.

We remain willing to meet with you. We will see you at your State of the City address.

Signed,

John Kaufman	
Theresa Lindberg	
Grace McCray	
S. Joanne Poehlman	
Laurel End	
Kylie Shaw	
Frank Sobirah	
Ciara Davis	
Cara Spoto	

PAMELA J. KARG	Pamela J Karg
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DAVEN HORBS	Daven Horbs
Hamidreza Majidi	
Jeff Larson	Jeff Larson
Luam Rincon	Luam Rincon
Gabriela Diéguez	Gabriela Diéguez
Isabella Kitzman Kelley	Isabella Kitzman Kelley

Sharon DePue	Sharon DePue
Sandra Mendelsohn	Sandra Mendelsohn
Cecile Langford	Cecile Langford
JOHN GEHRED	John Gehred
Rod DePue	R. B. DePue
Ann Gehred	Ann E. Gehred
Russ Langford	Russ Langford
Elizabeth Martorell	Elizabeth Martorell
Jack Bolog	Jack Bolog
Dawn Padilla	Dawn Padilla
AL WASHKO	Al Washko

Sherry Finch

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FRANK FINCH III

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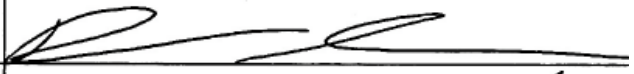
Matthew Maaske

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Madeleine Buisch

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Randall K. Bush (Rev.)	Rev. Randall K Bush
Jean Dow	Rev. Jean Dow
Martha Mainland	Martha Mainland
Lana K. Cramer	Lana K Cramer
Terryl Dietert	Terryl Dietert
Margaret Welch	Margaret Welch
MARY GINNEBAUGH	Mary Ginnelbaugh
PAULA LEWEIN	Paula Lewein

Eileen Halley	Ellen Halley
Jon Watts	
Dorence Riley	Florence Riley
MARIA C. TORRES	Maria C. Torres
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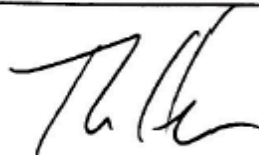
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Linda Reid



IRENE WITT



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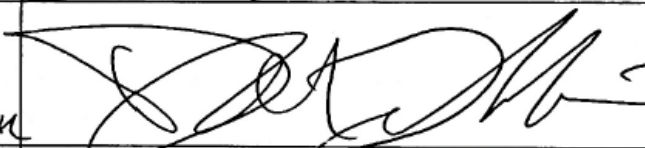
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GRACE MASSON



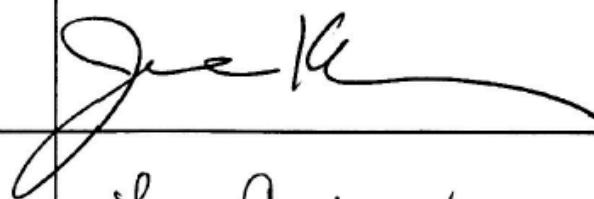
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Fred Gutierrez	Fred Gutierrez
Robert J Connolly	Robert Connolly
Vivian Jones	Vivian Jones
Minister Wint Farrell	Minister Wint Farrell
Willie Jude, SR	Willie Jude
Laura Davis	Laura Davis

Robert Ater	Robert Ater
Marcus Smith	Marcus Smith
Will Henning	Will Henning
Kyle Potter	Kyle Potter
Alfred Sewell	Alfred Sewell
Mary Brauer	Mary Brauer
Emily Chittick	Emily Chittick
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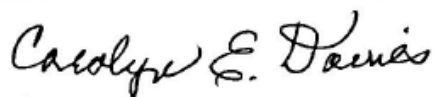


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Charles Williams



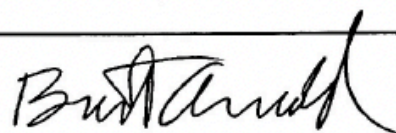
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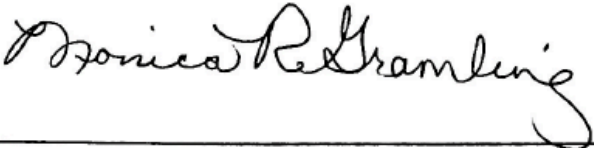


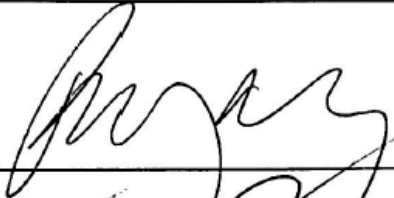

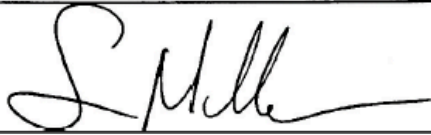





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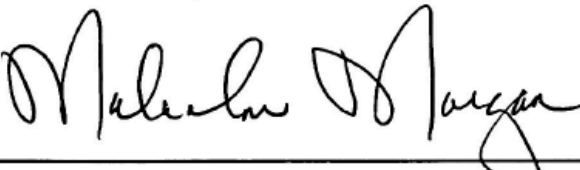

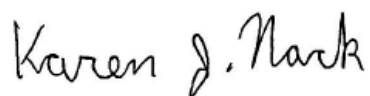




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