Statement on the announced closure of Pick ‘n Save at 2355 N. 35th St. **Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II**

**June 25, 2025**

I was deeply disappointed to receive the call recently from Pick ’n Save leadership informing me of their decision to close the store that sits in the heart of our community. Like many of you, I know how vital that store has been - not just as a place to buy groceries, but as a cornerstone for families, seniors, and neighbors to access fresh food and essential items close to home. I personally shop there frequently.

It’s departure is more than just a business decision - it leaves a real void in the daily lives of countless families in our neighborhood. While their decision is frustrating and leaves a real gap, I want our community to know this is not the end of the story.

The residents of this area deserve better. We deserve access to quality, affordable groceries within our own community.

That’s why I am working diligently with the Department of City Development (DCD) and leveraging my relationships with developers and potential business partners to bring a new grocer to this location. While we have these discussions, I am also asking Pick ‘n Save to remain open as long as possible to serve as a transitional period for residents. My top priority is ensuring that a quality grocery provider steps in as quickly as possible to serve the people who call this community home.

I will continue to keep residents informed as we work toward a solution. Our community deserves nothing less.

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