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Alderman Vi Daley
43rd Ward
735 W. Wrightwood
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Dear Alderman Daley:

I am writing to share with you the support of the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce (LPCC) for DePaul University's 10-Year Master Plan and Community Agreement. With a clear, comprehensive plan and community support in place, DePaul University is in the unique position to help shape the Lincoln Park neighborhood's future. I have reviewed the Master Plan, shared my thoughts with DePaul's Office of Community, Government and International Affairs and I have signed the adjoining community agreement on behalf of the LPCC.

Throughout the process, DePaul University has been inclusive, transparent and patient – meeting with, listening to and respecting the various community organizations that make our neighborhood what it is today. The changes presented in the 10-Year Master Plan are designed in keeping with the surrounding urban landscape, will offer additional cultural activities in our community and will help enhance DePaul University's reputation globally.

From a business standpoint, new Theatre and Music Schools present the opportunity for local shops, businesses and restaurants to increase sales through foot traffic from students, parents and visitors to shows throughout the calendar year. DePaul University continues to be an anchor institution in Lincoln Park, and with forward-thinking and dynamic planning, the community will continue to see the benefits of a world-class institution within its boundaries.

In planning for the future of Lincoln Park, DePaul University has carefully studied traffic patterns, parking trends and public transportation needs, all of which are key elements to a sustainable business community.

Thank you for your continued support and consideration. Please feel free to contact me directly at (773) 880-5200 for further discussion as necessary.

Sincerely,



Kim Schilf, IOM, ACE
President and CEO

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