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Chicago, IL 60647

October 18, 2024

Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th Ward
2934 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Unit C
Chicago, IL 60618

Re: NBW letter of support for proposed warehouse project at 2900 N. Western Avenue

Dear Ald. Rosa:

North Branch Works (NBW) strongly supports the industrial warehouse project proposed by Western George LLC for the property located at 2900 N Western Avenue.

It is exciting to see an industrial project proposed that is consistent with the underlying zoning and would bring forty to fifty high-quality jobs to the North Branch. Industrial jobs on average pay \$84,000 plus benefits, build community wealth, and strengthen the local economy.

The property is in the Addison Industrial Corridor. We are especially encouraged by the incredible economic development benefits the project would generate for the neighborhood, namely a \$14 million investment by the property owner, the creation of 40-50 high-quality jobs and up to 200 temporary construction jobs with 70% of these being union jobs.

The property owner met with us and is working closely with many stakeholders in the North Branch community. It is a pleasure to work with the property owner and his attorney.

NBW is a membership-based nonprofit organization that for over forty years has promoted balanced, job-creating economic development along the North Branch of the Chicago River. We are also a City of Chicago "delegate agency" providing a variety of support services to local businesses and property-owners.

We ask you to support this project so that it can proceed. NBW looks forward to the permits being issued for construction and supporting the property-owner as well as the two new businesses that plan to move into this property as they open operations in the North Branch.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Simmons".

Steve Simmons
Director of Business and Economic Development

cc: Agnes Plecka, Esq., Jaffe & Berlin, LLC
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