



Dear Councilmember,

United Way of Greater Toledo would like to publicly reinforce our endorsement of the Warren Commons permanent supportive housing development. Additionally, we are placing the names of staffers who are renters and homeowners in District Four, where this building will be constructed, below.

For too long we have funneled individuals who suffer from chronic displacement through temporary shelter systems. Oftentimes, these community members need comprehensive, wraparound services that address their mental health, substance use disorders or physical disability needs.

We know that if individuals have the opportunity to access affordable housing, while being surrounded by professionals who can assist them with the hurdles they are trying to overcome; we can break the cycle of homelessness. And please note, this is not an anecdotal statement.

Studies of permanent supportive housing show a 90 percent success rate of ending chronic displacement for an individual. Additionally, public cost studies indicate a 65 percent decrease in shelter, hospital / emergency room and jail expenditures in states that implement permanent supportive housing models. Lastly, The Furman Center for Real Estate & Urban Policy studied 7,500 permanent supportive housing developments in New York City, some of which have been in operation for 20 years. None showed, or proved, the notion of decreased property values or negative impacts on the surrounding neighborhood(s) and homes.

Warren Commons is about developing a space in which our fellow Toledoans can engage in services that offer them dignity and respect. This is something that everyone, especially our most-vulnerable neighbors, deserve.

We look forward to serving as your ally, as we work **together** to solve these deep-rooted issues.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Ballinger, *Development Administrator* | Historic Old West End Resident

Jill Bunge, *Sr. Director of Impact* | Historic Old West End Resident

Lucas Camuso-Stall, *Sr. Director of Public Relations & Advocacy* | Historic Old West End Resident

Kelli Harris, *Administrative Coordinator* | Historic Old West End Resident

DeVon Overton, *Sr. Dir. Community Analytics & Research* | Historic Vistula Neighborhood Resident



unitedwaytoledo.org



United Way of Greater Toledo
Serving Lucas, Wood,
& Ottawa counties