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Subject: approve zoning change for Diane Ahrens Crisis Residence to relocate

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Please approve the zoning change that will allow People Incorporated to relocate their Diane Ahrens Crisis Residence from 1593 Hewitt Avenue to a former convent at 1784 La Crosse Avenue.

This issue has brought to my attention by NAMI-MI, an organization I respect, support financially, and at times have asked for personal advice from. In other words, when NAMI - MN says something is important. I act on it.

Mental illnesses are extremely common, affecting one in four people. Our community is in desperate need of community mental health services. I urge you to vote to allow People Incorporated to relocate the Diane Ahrens Crisis Residence to 1784 La Crosse Avenue. To deny this based on unfounded fears and a zoning classification when the Planning Commission already approved the change is discriminatory. People with mental illnesses already live in this neighborhood - let's make sure people can access the right treatment at the right time.

Thank you. I'd appreciate to hear how you stand on this issue and welcome any questions you have.

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