



Congresswoman Marie Newman

October 14, 2021

Teresa Cordova, Chair
Chicago Plan Commission
City Hall
121 N. LaSalle St., Room 1000
Chicago, IL 60602

RE: LeClaire Partners, LLC Approval of Development Plan

Dear Chairwoman Cordova:

I am writing to express our full support for the development plan proposed by LeClaire Partners, LLC for the redevelopment of public housing land formerly known as “LeClaire Courts” and located on South Cicero Avenue between the I-55 Expressway and 45th Street.

This thirty-three-acre parcel has stood vacant for over ten years since the last public housing building was demolished by the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA). It faces Cicero Avenue, a vital thoroughfare used daily by thousands of cars, which also serves as a gateway to Chicago for visitors arriving at Midway Airport. While located in an ideal spot close to public transportation, highways and an airport, there has been no impetus to leverage the parcel for housing, commercial development, and economic growth, which is desperately needed in this area.

LeClaire Partners, in conjunction with the CHA plans to redevelop the former LeClaire housing site into a mixed-use commercial and mixed-income residential development, which will be constructed over multiple phases. The initial phase is expected to include a two-story Federally Qualified Health Care (FQHC) facility and a full-service grocery store. Upon completion, the overall redevelopment will include up to 725 multi-family housing units for CHA residents, families earning 60% of area median income, as well as market rate apartments, approximately 440,000 square feet of commercial development including a daycare facility for working families, publicly accessible open spaces, and associated parking. Construction and permanent jobs will be created for residents as part of the vital commercial segment of the property. The scope of this development will inject new life and opportunity for residents and visitors alike.

For all the reasons mentioned above, I urge the Chicago Plan Commission to give the LeClaire Courts redevelopment plan full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

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MARIE NEWMAN

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October 15, 2021

Chief Executive Officer Tracey Scott
Chicago Housing Authority
60 E. Van Buren
Chicago, IL 60605

Dear Chief Executive Officer Scott:

I write in support of the LeClaire Courts public housing complex proposal serving current and potential residents in Chicago's southwest side.

The proposed LeClaire Court development plan will create 725 residential units and of those units, 80% will be affordable housing, with 40% set aside for former LeClaire Courts residents, who were displaced for over 13 years across the state and the city. While located in an ideal spot close to public transportation, highways and an airport, there has been no impetus to leverage the parcel for housing, commercial development and economic growth, which is desperately needed in this area. The project will connect local jobs and housing to create a long-term community where residents will have easy walking distance to groceries, retail, child care, and healthcare services.

Besides much needed affordable housing access, the project has the potential to also make an impact on the livelihood and wellness of families and children. The health care system in Chicago's Southwest side and the surrounding communities is marked by a scarcity of primary health services for low-income African American, Latino and Asian-American populations, including both the uninsured or underinsured. There exists a dire need to invest in and support equitable access to culturally, linguistically and financially affordable health care services. The proposed federally-qualified health care center to join the LeClaire Project has already provided critical health care services for those in need in the City of Chicago and neighboring western suburbs for over 30 years. In particular, the center continues to demonstrate a commitment to the Latino community through bilingual and bicultural health care, making a significant difference in the lives of our residents.

Given the positive impact this proposal will have for underserved communities, I support this project and recommend federal, state, and local funding support to make this proposal a reality. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact my District Director, Patty Garcia, at Patty.Garcia@mail.house.gov or 773-475-0833.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress
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October 13th, 2021

To: Teresa Cordova, Chair
Chicago Plan Commission
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121 N. LaSalle St., Room 1000
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Re: LeClaire Partners, LLC Approval of Development Plan

Dear Chairwoman Cordova:

I am pleased to again indicate my support for the development plan proposed by LeClaire Partners, LLC for the redevelopment of public housing land formerly known as "LeClaire Courts" and located on South Cicero Avenue between the I-55 Expressway and 45th Street.

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The scope of this development will inject new life and opportunity for residents and visitors alike. For all of the reasons mentioned above, we strongly endorse this project and urge the Chicago Plan Commission to approve this redevelopment plan.

Sincerely,

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Aarón M. Ortíz
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October 15, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Chair Teresa Cordova
Chicago Plan Commission
121 N. LaSalle St., Room 1000
Chicago, IL 60602

RE: LeClaire Partners, LLC Approval of Proposed Plan

Dear Chairwoman Cordova:

As the Cook County Commissioner of the 7th District, I am writing to express my support for the proposed project by LeClaire Partners, LLC located on South Cicero Avenue between the I-55 Expressway and 45th Street located in the LeClaire neighborhood.

LeClaire is a representation of a vibrant, diverse, and dedicated community that seeks to increase resources for its community members. This particular project strives to repurpose the thirty-three (33) acre parcel which has stood vacant for over ten years after the last public housing building was demolished. The vacant space faces Cicero Avenue, a vital thoroughfare used daily by commuters which also serves as a gateway to Chicago for visitors arriving at Midway Airport. Given its close proximity to public transportation, highways, and Midway Airport, it would be important to invest and transform the vacant land into housing space and workforce opportunities that will lead to local economic growth.

LeClaire Partners LLC, in conjunction with the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA), plans to redevelop the former LeClaire housing site into a mixed-use commercial and mixed-income residential project, which will be constructed over multiple phases. **The initial phase is expected to include a two-story Federally Qualified Health Care (FQHC) facility and a full-service grocery store.** The next phases will include up to 725 multi-family housing units for CHA residents, families earning 60% of area median income, as well as market rate apartments. Additionally, the proposal includes approximately 440,000 square feet of commercial development that will contain a daycare facility for working families, publicly accessible open spaces, and associated parking. Construction and permanent jobs will be created for local residents as part of the vital commercial segment of the property. The scope of this project will further strengthen the thriving community that will benefit the local community members and visitors.

For all of the reasons mentioned above, I strongly support this project and ask the Chicago Plan Commission to consider it and approve the initial phase. Thank you in advance for your attention and consideration of this letter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 603-5443 or at Alma.Anaya@cookcountyil.gov.

Most respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alma E. Anaya".

Alma E. Anaya, Cook County Commissioner, 7th District

Teresa Cordova, Chair
Chicago Plan Commission
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Chicago, IL 60602

RE: LeClaire Partners, LLC Approval of Development Plan

Dear Chairwoman Cordova:

On behalf of the Southwest Collective, I am writing to express our full support for the development plan proposed by LeClaire Partners, LLC for the redevelopment of public housing land formerly known as “LeClaire Courts” and located on South Cicero Avenue between the I-55 Expressway and 45th Street.

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For all of the reasons mentioned above, we strongly endorse this project and urge the Chicago Plan Commission to approve this redevelopment plan.

Sincerely,

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José Luis Torrez

Director of Community Development