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City of Waukesha Plan Commission Attn: Jeff Fortin, AICP 201 Delafield St. Room 200 Waukesha, WI 53188

Re: Proposed La Casa Charter School Addition

Dear Jeff,

Established in 1966, La Casa de Esperanza is a community-based organization committed to providing opportunities for those within the community to achieve full social and economic participation in society, with an emphasis on the Hispanic population. La Casa helps more than 20,000 individuals and families annually through a variety of programs and services to create positive change in the community. La Casa continues to transform every individual and family it touches, fostering hope and providing opportunities for a prosperous, engaged and connected community.

Begun in the fall of 2015, the Charter School currently enrolls K4 and K5 students in a recently remodeled facility at 403 Arcadian Avenue. The proposed building plans are to add an addition to the north of the main facility at 410 Arcadian Avenue to accommodate K4 through Grade 6. The proposed building footprint is 11, 504 s.f. and the three-story building's total area will be 43,452 s.f. A future phase to the north would add additional classroom and support space to accommodate through Grade 8. Current plans call for a drop off loop to the north of the existing building and east of the proposed addition that would include parking for 38 cars and building service access. La Casa is also in the process of purchasing a parcel from the City south of Arcadian and west of the rail tracks. This parcel will be dedicated to parking and will provide 78 additional spaces.

La Casa de Esperanza Charter School in Collaboration with families and community partners, provide learning experiences of the highest quality that significantly increase academic achievement of all students. The success of its full service approach contributes to the elimination of the achievement gap in the community.

Sincerely,

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