



CITY OF SAINT PAUL
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER B. COLEMAN
Mayor

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Ms. Marilyn Melkonian
President
Telesis Corporation
1101 30th Street, NW, Fourth Floor
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Ms. Melkonian,

Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota's (PPMNS) Center for Community Health is seeking an allocation of New Market Tax Credits from the Telesis CDE. I am writing to support their application for this vital project in Saint Paul.

PPMNS has been a key provider of women's health in our state for 83 years. They serve more than 60,000 patients annually, 80% of whom are at or below the federal poverty level. 95% of their services are for the prevention of unintended pregnancy, cancer screenings, STI testing and treatment and well-woman care.

The Center for Community Health project is vital to Saint Paul. It retains over 100 jobs and brings them to an under-developed area of our city that qualifies as an "area of greater distress" for New Market purposes. The site is located on the Central Corridor Light Rail line and we view it as key to the redevelopment effort in this area. The area is one characterized by rail and industrial use, long outmoded, and we needed a catalytic project to energize this part of the transit corridor. The project in this location is completely consistent with the city's goals for the redevelopment of underutilized, distressed land in railroad corridors.

The development will allow PPMNS to consolidate its all its services (now in three smaller separate facilities, with marginal transit access for employees and patients) into a state of the art health care facility that is readily transit accessible. This facility will provide all support services for an 18 clinic network that serves the entire state. The development will make a significant contribution to the creation of sustainable communities along the Central Corridor in two other important ways: by remediating a contaminated industrial site and by meeting LEED certification --- one of the first for a health care facility in our city.

I am familiar with PPMNS and their work. I know their leadership is very well-respected in our state and they have strong political and community support. And I am very supportive of this facility and the catalyst it will provide for redevelopment on this corridor and in this immediate, distressed area. I'm delighted that you are considering this proposal and am pleased to underscore the City's support. I hope you will approve this New Market Tax Credit proposal and I look forward to learning more about Telesis and working with you on the redevelopment.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christopher B. Coleman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Christopher B. Coleman,
Mayor