



WEST PHILADELPHIA COALITION OF NEIGHBORHOODS AND BUSINESSES

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The Honorable Michael A. Nutter
Mayor of Philadelphia
Room 215 City Hall
Broad and Market Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Mayor Nutter:

On behalf of the West Philadelphia Coalition of Neighborhoods and Businesses (the Coalition), I am pleased to provide this letter in support of St. Ignatius Nursing and Rehabilitation Center's plans to build Francis House, a facility for older adults who need assistance with everyday activities. Ms. Joan Williams, my First Vice President and Director of Programs and Projects, attended the community meeting held on June 12, 2014, and noted the overwhelming support that this initiative has gained.

The Coalition has a long history of supporting projects that benefit the community. Since its inception in 1987, the Coalition has had the opportunity to review dozens of projects proposed for West and Southwest Philadelphia, our primary service area. We support those projects that enhance the communities in which they are located, and where the developer solicits community feedback on the project and seriously considers that feedback going forward. St. Ignatius has met those requirements with respect to Francis House.

St. Ignatius has proven itself a good neighbor with respect to the operation of its nursing facility, the construction and operation of Angela Court, support of community organizations and initiatives, and in many other ways. I have no doubt that this will continue with Francis House.

If you need additional information, please let me know. You can reach me or, in my absence, Ms. Williams, at the above telephone number.

Sincerely,

Lee B. Tolbert

cc: John Meacham, Administrator, St. Ignatius Nursing and Rehabilitation Center