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Honorable Michael Nutter  
Mayor  
City of Philadelphia  
City Hall, Room 215  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Mayor Nutter:

The West Powelton/Saunders Park RCO fully supports St. Ignatius Nursing and Rehab Center's application for funding to develop senior citizen affordable housing at 4460 Fairmount Avenue, to be known as Francis House. There is a long waiting list for St Ignatius's current facilities because of a severe shortage of affordable senior housing—many elderly are forced to live in substandard housing while they wait. The 60 units of affordable housing for frail seniors, with supportive services and resources, will be an important step toward solving this crisis.

Our community is well aware of the long history of good work that St. Ignatius has been providing senior citizens. This has enabled many to live their life safely with dignity and within their limited means.

Francis House will enable 60 senior citizens to remain within their community. It will improve their quality of life through the provision of affordable quality housing and comprehensive personal care services.

WP/SP RCO thanks St. Ignatius for their continual work to fulfill the needs of our most vulnerable residents. With your support, St. Ignatius will be able to support an additional 60 seniors through adequate and affordable housing and supportive services. They will also create 20 new jobs in Philadelphia to provide this service. We hope that you consider favorably our letter of support while you review St. Ignatius's submission. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Lucia E. Esther*

Lucia Esther,  
Chair