A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), requesting approval to execute an affordable housing development contract in the amount of \$2 million with Near West Side Partners, Inc, or its assigns, for a project in the City of Milwaukee, by recommending the adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County), in partnership with the Community Development Alliance, authorized the Collective Affordable Housing Plan (the Plan) under adopted File No. 22-463; and

WHEREAS, the Plan identifies the need to produce rental homes throughout the County, particularly rental homes that are \$650/month; and

WHEREAS, current data indicate that there are about 70,000 families in the County who earn \$15 per hour or less, but only about 30,000 rental homes available to them: and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) earmarked \$4 million of tax levy funds in the 2024 Adopted Budget to support the County's affordable housing initiative (authorized under adopted File No. 23-889); and

WHEREAS, the County Board earmarked \$2 million of the \$4 million in tax levy funds for the Concordia 27 Project (the Project) on the Near West Side, to develop 33 affordable, high-quality housing units for low-wage workers (authorized under adopted File No. 23-889); and

WHEREAS, the Project also includes community health and wellness services, a grocery store, and opportunities for sustainable businesses to help support an inclusive neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of June 13, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-527 (vote 5-0); now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to execute a development contract with Near West Side Partners, Inc., or its assigns, for the period of July 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$2 million.

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