



CITY OF SOUTH BEND
MAYOR JAMES MUELLER
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

February 7, 2024

Dear Redevelopment Commissioners:

I am writing in support of Resolution No. 3589 and to share the need to move forward on the purchase of land currently owned by the South Bend Community School. There is wide agreement that low barrier homeless services are needed in our community. The best location for these services, however, is still under review. Although this site is currently the best available option for those services, the City team is working on potential alternatives and committed to working with the community to make this the best project possible.

Resolution No. 3589 is a simple purchase agreement for approximately 5 acres of undeveloped property. To be clear, any action taken today would not be an approval of the New Day Center at this location. For that to happen, many public approvals would be necessary, including an official action by the Redevelopment Commission at a later date.

There are not many open sites like this that are 3 acres or larger in the city. If we identify a better, alternative site for the New Day Center, I am confident we can find another redevelopment project on this site for a different use.

Thank you for serving on the Redevelopment Commission and for your service to all residents of South Bend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J Mueller", is positioned above the printed name.

James Mueller
Mayor
City of South Bend, Indiana