



Dear City Council:

We are writing to express our support for the Community Dental Center and encourage your thoughtful attention to this valuable community resource as you consider renewing the lease.

United Way of Washtenaw County (UWWC) has long supported CDC in their efforts to provide dental services to economically challenged individuals. Our partnership has enabled CDC to provide emergency dental care to residents of Washtenaw County who are unable to pay for necessary treatment. This care is extremely valuable to the individuals in pain or distress and also serves the community as a whole by reducing costly emergency room visits and redirecting those scarce resources to patients with other pressing medical needs.

Additionally, we have supported CDC in their efforts to donate care to the community. In the past five years, CDC has provided nearly \$115,000 in donated services for uninsured low-income residents of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County. Saturday clinics, offered outside of normal business hours, are staffed by CDC providers and volunteer dental students from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. All providers donate their time and a UWWC grant helps to defray the cost of materials and supplies so that patients who otherwise could not afford to pay for much needed dental care, get the care they need. Many recipients of these donated services have been able to improve their financial situation and make CDC their dental home.

United Way of Washtenaw County values CDC as a safety net provider for low-income residents and under-served individuals. The unique collaboration between the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, the City of Ann Arbor and local partnering agencies has served residents who otherwise would not have viable options for dental care for 34 years. We urge the City Council to renew CDC's lease so they may continue to serve vulnerable individuals of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Healy". The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops.

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