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Mayor Steve Hagerty  
2100 Ridge Avenue  
Evanston, IL 60201

Subject: Presbyterian Homes Climate Commitment to Mayor Hagerty's Climate Action and Resilience Plan

Dear Mayor Hagerty,

Thank you for inviting Presbyterian Homes to the Climate Action Meeting of large employers. As an organization we are committed to continuing to be an active member of the Evanston community. We are excited to join other large employers and The City in reducing our contribution to climate change and ensuring Evanston is prepared for its impacts.

Presbyterian Homes has already taken numerous steps to reduce our impact on climate change including the ones below:

For the past decade, the Presbyterian Homes Westminster Place Campus has embarked on the Building Envelope Renovation program involving roofs, masonry walls, and windows as well as the Interior Renewal initiative focused on updating and improving the interior environment of all of our facilities.

New replacement roof systems have been designed to be sustainable with 30-year warranties and 50-year service lives, with new thermal roof insulation incorporated to meet current energy code requirements. Many of the roof systems are ballasted with river rock, which according to Oak Ridge National Laboratories (ORNL) in their studies, is the most energy efficient roof system available today.

Masonry restorations have included full wall tuck-pointing, sealing of window perimeters and restoration of limestone, increasing building envelope weather resistance, reducing air intrusion and energy usage and prolonging the serviceable life of the facilities.

New windows incorporate thermally broken low-e glazing and clad wood frames to eliminate thermal loss. Rough openings are insulated and rendered watertight, with perimeter seals around the frames insulated with spray foam insulation and sealed with high grade sealant to eliminate air transfer.

Interior Renewal improvements include upgrading lighting with high efficiency LED lamps and ballast. HVAC improvement include upgrading systems to integrate with our energy management and building automation systems and controls.

Electrical Power to the campus is also supplemented with a 2,400 kw emergency generator/co-generation plant, capable of providing stand-alone power supporting the full needs of the campus in the event of a power failure.

Landscaping/green space improvements including outdoor walking paths/green areas boasting indigenous native plantings incorporated into building additions and new developments. Re-use and recycling opportunities are exercised in projects when available.

Carpooling/ride-sharing for employees is encouraged. Bicycle racks are provided for staff and resident usage. A covered shelter is provided for access to public transportation at our campus entrance. Shared transportation services are provided to all residents, allowing convenient and efficient access to civic activities, special events and our other campuses.

We understand that in order for the Evanston community to meet its ambitious goals, such as 100% Clean Energy and eventual carbon neutrality, additional action is necessary from all members of the Evanston community. That is why we are excited to announce that we are prepared to commit to the following:

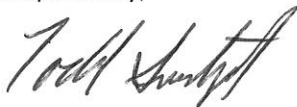
Presbyterian Homes has a standing commitment to sustainable practices and will continue to maintain the many existing practices outlined above. We will provide an annual update to The City of Evanston regarding these practices including reports on energy usage, water consumption and waste management.

In addition, Westminster Place will commit to establishing a certified garden habitat and developing a pesticide management program by 2020. After this time we will report annually to The City on pesticide usage and natural habitat maintenance activities at Westminster Place.

Further, Presbyterian Homes supports The City of Evanston's desire to transition to renewable energy sources. Pending resident support, Presbyterian Homes will develop renewable energy program that will outline incremental increased commitments to renewable energy sources resulting in a 100% utilization by 2028.

We trust this proposal will be reviewed favorably by the Mayor and City staff. We want to thank the Mayor for his leadership on this important community issue and we look forward to continuing to making Evanston the Most Livable City in America.

Respectfully,



Todd F. Swortzel  
President and Chief Executive Office