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Board of Zoning Appeals

City of Wauwatosa
7725 W. North Avenue
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Re: Support for the Wauwatosa Veterans Memorial Variance Request

Dear Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Wauwatosa Veterans Memorial Board's request for the setback variances necessary to construct the Wauwatosa Veterans Memorial.

As a veteran, I understand firsthand the sacrifices made by the men and women who have served our country. A permanent memorial is more than a physical structure—it is a place of reflection, remembrance, and gratitude for those who answered the call to serve. It provides future generations with an opportunity to appreciate the freedoms they enjoy because of the dedication and sacrifice of our veterans.

As a longtime citizen of Wauwatosa, I believe this memorial will become a lasting point of pride for our community. It will serve as a welcoming landmark, enhance the Village area, and provide a dignified gathering place for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and other civic events. The overwhelming community support for this project demonstrates how meaningful it is to so many residents.

In my role as Vice President of Construction at Dahlman Construction, I also recognize the extensive planning and thoughtful design that have gone into this project. The requested variances are minimal and are necessary to preserve the integrity of the memorial's design. Based on my experience in the construction industry, I understand that site constraints often require practical design solutions, and in this case the requested setback relief allows the project to achieve its intended purpose without creating adverse impacts on neighboring properties or the surrounding community.

The Veterans Memorial Board has worked diligently with the Design Review Board and other stakeholders to refine the project while respecting the character of the site. I believe the requested variances represent a reasonable and appropriate accommodation that will allow this important community project to move forward.

For these reasons, I respectfully encourage the Board of Zoning Appeals to approve the requested variances. Doing so will help create a lasting tribute that honors the service and sacrifice of our veterans while enriching the City of Wauwatosa for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Andrew Matheson

Vice President of Construction at Dahlman Construction

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Resident, City of Wauwatosa