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Hello Everyone,

On behalf of the MOVE Coalition, please review the attached statement regarding the City-certified Martindale-Brightwood Quality of Life Plan and the proposed \$500 million Metroblok development.

We welcome your feedback and would appreciate any comments or recommendations you may have. Thanks.

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MOVE Statement on Martindale Brightwood Community's Quality of Life Plan and the Proposed Metrobloks \$500 Million Development

The MOVE Coalition, representing the Martindale Brightwood stakeholders and institutions listed below, is unified with neighborhood residents in opposing the proposed data center development by Metrobloks.

The creation of the Martindale Brightwood Quality of Life Plan was led by hundreds of neighbors collaborating over more than a year. Neighbors contributed their lived experience and deep knowledge about the vision, goals, and strategies necessary to build a stronger, more resilient, and successful community. The final plan, certified in March 2025 by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Development Commission outlines in detail the priorities for our community.

Partners in the MOVE Coalition bear principal responsibility for ensuring that the priorities contained within the City Certified Quality of Life Plan are kept in the forefront and that all development projects provide community benefits to the people of Martindale Brightwood. Our expectation of community benefit is especially important when for-profit developments receive public supports. To advance the Quality of Life Plan, MOVE stakeholders, with residents, will work with governmental, civic, and corporate stakeholders who are ready to collaborate with community residents and stakeholders.

Within the Ten Pillars of the City Certified Plan, the Martindale Brightwood community has identified several key investment opportunities. Total investments of at least \$50 million, proportionate with a \$500 million development, could address prioritized opportunities such as:

- Affordable housing, both new construction and renovation/repair to existing housing stock.
- Access to alternative, sustainable energy sources for homes, business, schools, churches, and community organizations.
- Economic and workforce development that centers business development and employment for the people who currently live in our neighborhood.
- Education to prepare our young people for successful, thriving futures in this neighborhood.
- Neighborhood-wide access to broadband internet for homes, businesses, and organizations throughout Martindale Brightwood.
- Importantly, investments and commitments to ensure accessible and affordable health and wellness supports for neighbors who are overcoming the effects from decades of environmental racism.

As our community works to implement the Ten Pillars of the Quality of Life Plan, MOVE will include and represent Martindale Brightwood to ensure that positive investments are consistent with the vision, goals, and strategies prioritized by residents.

On behalf of these member organizations of the MOVE Coalition of Martindale Brightwood partners:

Brightwood Forest Manor Community Center

Edna Martin Christian Center

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Harrison Center

Indianapolis Recorder

KIPP Indy

Martindale Brightwood Community Development Corporation

Martindale Brightwood Education Zone

Oasis Christian Community Development Corporation

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