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Dear Members of the Department of Planning and Development,

As the President of the Historic Jackson Ward Association (HJWA), I am writing to express our strong and committed support for the application submitted by Ronald McDonald House Charities of Richmond (RMHC Richmond) for a Conditional Use Permit for the proposed new facility at 505 West Leigh Street. We believe this new Ronald McDonald House will have a profound and positive impact on our community. This new facility will provide a critical service for families with children in need of specialized pediatric care in Richmond.

Beyond the immediate support for these families, we recognize that this project will also enhance the vitality of our historic neighborhood. The addition of the Ronald McDonald House will bring new energy to West Leigh Street and serve as a symbol of compassion and community care, further strengthening the ties that bind us all.

HJWA is committed to preserving the rich cultural heritage of our neighborhood while also embracing projects that contribute to the health, well-being, and growth of the community and city. This facility aligns perfectly with these goals and promises to be an asset for both the families it serves and the broader Jackson Ward neighborhood.

We are excited and encouraged about the potential this project holds and fully endorse the approval of RMHC Richmond's Conditional Use Permit. We have no doubt that the Ronald McDonald House will be a welcomed and significant addition to our community, and we look forward to seeing its positive impact.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,
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