



NOTICE OF INTENT - 1925 THOME - MISERICORDIA (PD 253)

Dear Neighbors,

Upon consideration of the request to add the former Unity Church property at 1925 W Thome to Planned Development 253, which defines the zoning for Misericordia Home, and following the addressing of neighbor concerns with Misericordia's proposed project, our office intends to **support the proposed change.**

PROCESS

All proposed zoning changes in the 40th Ward undergo a community feedback process. Neighbors are invited to comment on the proposal at public meetings and online at <https://40thward.org/zoningrequests/>. All comments and other feedback are considered and discussed by myself and my staff prior to any decision being made regarding zoning. A detailed timeline/FAQ is available at: <https://40thward.org/zoning-requests/community-driven-zoning/>.

FEEDBACK

We received a very robust level of feedback on this proposal! While not directly tied to zoning, primary concerns with Misericordia's overall project were *architectural significance of the Unity Church building* and *concerns that Misericordia would seek to close public streets along Thome and Winchester*. Our office has been working closely with Misericordia, the City of Chicago Departments of Transportation and of Buildings, and with neighbors to address these concerns:

- **Demolition of the Unity Church building** has been delayed an additional 90 days beyond the mandated 90-day delay, and preservation groups are working to try and find a buyer interested in removing the building, which is not suitable for reuse on-site.
- **Vacation of public streets** will not be pursued as part of this project. Thome and Winchester will remain in their current configuration.

We are extremely grateful to the neighbors who provided feedback, and to Misericordia staff for their willingness to address neighbor concerns. In light of the good-faith attempt to find a buyer for the Unity Church building and the withdrawal of plans to change the street map, our office **intends to support the proposed zoning change** to add 1925 W Thome to PD 253.