

Alderman Brendan Reilly 325 West Huron Suite 510
Chicago, Illinois 60654 Dear Alderman Reilly:

On behalf of Gilda's Club Chicago, I am writing you in the hope that our organization will be granted a permit fee waiver for a construction project we hope to complete this summer.

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As background, Gilda's Club Chicago's mission is to create support for everyone living with cancer - men, women, teens families and friends. The Club's philosophy is that a diagnosis of cancer brings with it potential for insight and compassion that can be tapped and shared with others to the benefit of all. Gilda's Club embraces the entire family living with cancer by creating welcoming communities that offer social and emotional support for those living with cancer. Members, whether they are people with cancer or family and friends, choose the activities that they are comfortable with and incorporate them into their Customized Membership Plan, developed individually with a licensed mental health professional. | |

The project we have planned is a redesign of the top floor of our four-story Club located at 537 North Wells Street. Our architectural firm is Gensler, and this world-class firm has offered design services and project management pro bono. Our construction firm is JAMM Development, which is owned by Gilda's Club and Associate Board member John Dunnett. Our goal is to shift to a new standard in office design to accommodate a more collaborative work environment providing a larger, more open work environment for everyone. The end result is the perception of a larger and more open space that will convey to our various constituents that we are a modern and professional organization, i We hope the new design will help us recruit and retain top talent.

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We estimate the cost of this project to be approximately \$ 160,000. Funding for the project will come directly from our reserve; we will also be seeking grant funding to offset a portion, or ideally, the entire cost of the project. The construction time frame is six weeks, with a proposed

start date of July 5, 201 construction period.

We will need to identify alternate

yoga and staff workspace during the

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information. Thank you in advance for your support of our request.

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Chief Executive Officer

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