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The following community leaders have released statements in support of City Forward Collective. If you would like to interview any of them, please contact Isral DeBruin at (414) 459-1894.

“Today in Milwaukee, far too many young people are locked out of opportunity — especially our youth of color. We need much more progress for our city, and we need it much faster than we’re currently getting it. I’m optimistic City Forward Collective will achieve that progress and I’m committed to supporting efforts unique to our city that will ultimately result in the changes we know are needed —reflective of what our youth and families deserve.”

Aisha Carr, Opportunity Youth Program Director, Silver Spring Neighborhood Center

“Milwaukee needs to continue to grow high quality schools, support school leaders, and create a pipeline of qualified and energized teachers. Another important focus will be increasing parental involvement in schools which has been a city-wide problem for many years. This new organization will be critical in accomplishing these things to benefit all of the students in Milwaukee who deserve the best possible future. I have great confidence in Patricia Hoben who has been a close partner with the UCC for many years, and always proven to be thoughtful, passionate, and determined. She will bring a wonderful new energy and vitality to the organization.”

Ricardo Diaz, Executive Director, United Community Center.

“Our city’s communities – all of its communities – deserve to be listened to. Right now that doesn’t happen nearly often enough, especially when it comes to education. City Forward Collective is going to work to make sure more voices from more of our communities are incorporated into the decisions that shape Milwaukee’s schools.”

Rashida Evans, School Leadership Coach, TNTP

“Every community in our city deserves access to great schools. More than deserve- our communities that experience the greatest challenge need great schools as part of their equation to succeed. Right now, too many families are still locked out of that opportunity. City Forward Collective will work to organize and amplify the desires of parents and communities to fight for more effective and faster progress.”

Nancy Hernandez, President, Hispanic Collaborative