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EDITORIAL

## Medical College project deserves support

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The Medical College of Wisconsin deserves support from business and community leaders for its plans to develop a sizable facility in downtown Milwaukee or the city's near north side that would house an initiative "to help shape Milwaukee as one of the healthiest and safest cities in the nation."

It is one of the positive outcomes of the civil unrest in Milwaukee's Sherman Park neighborhood in August 2016. The genesis of the idea came from discussions Medical College officials held internally and with community leaders after the incident, which drew national attention to Milwaukee's central city neighborhoods.

Medical College officials want the geographic focus of the new facility to be the near-north side of Milwaukee "in ZIP codes that have a high concentration of African Americans." It is also seeking partners from the nonprofit, government and private sectors "who share our commitment to address the socioeconomic determinants of health care."

Dr. John Raymond, president of the Medical College, told the Milwaukee Business Journal in November that the college wants a building in downtown Milwaukee that would be its community front door. The college plans to pursue development of a 100,000- to 150,000-square-foot structure in the next 18 to 20 months, according to a request for proposals.

Medical College leaders see the project as a catalyst to spur economic development in and around the new structure's location.

The project will be a welcome investment in the city of Milwaukee.



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Medical College of Wisconsin president Dr. John Raymond