Firm commitment needed to bring streetcar to the South Side

Statement from Alderman José G. Pérez
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Mayor Barrett said yesterday that he wanted to ensure that the streetcar went out of downtown and into the neighborhoods. I couldn’t agree more.

But his vague promise to make a plan to bring the streetcar to the South Side isn’t sufficient.

If we, as a city, are going to commit to take the streetcar north, we also need to commit at the same time to taking it south. We need to ensure that all parts of the city are included and treated fairly.

Stopping the streetcar at 1st and Pittsburgh is simply not good enough. The streetcar line must be extended to 6th and National, the gateway to the Latino community.

The City needs to commit to the planning and engineering work to bring the line into the Latino community.

‘Wait until next time’ is not a good enough answer.

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