



Tom Barrett
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

January 5, 2011

To the Honorable, the Common Council
of the City of Milwaukee

Honorable Members of the Common Council:

I have vetoed File 100606 which contains a substitute resolution approving a Development Fund grant, in the amount of \$95,000, to Council for the Spanish Speaking (CSS) to fund repairs at it Hillview Building. My immediate concern with this file relates to the inconsistency with the fund's purpose and guidelines.

As specified in Section 304-31, Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, fund expenditures are restricted to providing grants for the purpose of increasing the city's tax base, creating employment opportunities and provide long-term economic benefit.

In my desire to assist one of our community partners, I directed the Department of City Development to assist in seeking appropriate resources to fund the project. The discussions resulted in two referrals to agencies which specialize in financing non-profit development projects.

Ultimately, CSS was successful in securing a \$40,000 grant from Milwaukee County's Community Development Block Grant fund. Should the Council consider a resolution to match the \$40,000 grant, I would be in full support. If interested, CSS is encouraged to discuss a City-financed low-interest loan, for an amount greater than \$40,000.

Based on the above reasons, I ask that you sustain my veto.

Sincerely,

Tom Barrett
Mayor