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Thank You, Wave Development LLC

Statement of Alderman Willie C. Wade

January 19, 2011

With the Common Council's approval of the \$50 million downtown Marriott hotel project earlier today, some very positive developments for Milwaukee have come to fruition.

In my opinion, one of the most important pieces of the project is the commitment by the developer – Wave Development LLC – to have its general contractor comply with the spirit of the MORE Ordinance, meaning EBE contractors/subcontractors and city residents (as part of the resident preference program) WILL be very involved in building the new Marriott. Further, it also means citizens of Milwaukee will be afforded job opportunities at the new hotel after it opens. I approached Wave Development about including this commitment as part of the agreement to move forward on the project, and they graciously agreed to do it.

I want to say THANK YOU to Wave Development for being sensitive to the employment situation here in our city, and understanding the critical need for job opportunities and hope for our citizens. Wave has stepped up and has volunteered (they did not have to agree to commit to complying with the spirit of the MORE Ordinance!) to be a partner in helping Milwaukeeans prosper and be a part of this winning project.

Last, I commend all of my Council colleagues for their input and support of the project, and I especially thank Alderwoman Coggs, Alderman Hamilton, and Alderman Davis for their work in ensuring that the project is a benefit to the ENTIRE city.