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Alderman Kovac,

I have read the proposed Mural Ordinance that is under consideration (soon to be taken up by the ZND Committee) and can find no evidence of a sufficient justification for this intrusion on the free speech rights of property owners who wish to create murals. The (whereas...) statements that have been included in the proposal are simply unsubstantiated assertions, presented with little/no evidence. The proposal clearly invites a Constitutional challenge. Any property owner who would create a mural that offends community standards of decency can/should be dealt with in other ways, not by taxing those who exercise their legitimate right to artistic expression and thereby revitalize our community. During this past fall the Riverwest Artist's Association sponsored the creation of a good deal of Art in the Alleys, significantly improving the appearance of every property I saw. The City of Milwaukee faces many serious problems that demand attention; this is NOT one of them. Do what you can to defeat this proposal.

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