

October 19, 2010

To the Honorable
The Common Council of the
City of Milwaukee
Room 205 – City Hall

Re: Redevelopment Plan for the Port of Milwaukee – Redevelopment Project Area

Dear Council Members:

In my capacity as Municipal Port Director, I have reviewed the provisions of the above-referenced redevelopment plan (the “Plan”), which covers the area under the jurisdiction of the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the City of Milwaukee (“Board”) and certain additional privately owned harbor properties located in the immediate vicinity of the area of the Port of Milwaukee (“Port”). This Plan outlines redevelopment goals and objectives applicable to the geographic area within its coverage, and further specifies zoning regulations and design guidelines applicable to land uses and new construction occurring within particular portions of that area.

The Board is accorded primary authority for the administration, development, and growth of the Port as a commercial intermodal transportation facility, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 30.30-30.38 and the various session laws promulgated by the Wisconsin Legislature conveying certain lakebed-grant parcels located along the shoreline of and beneath the surface of Lake Michigan from the State of Wisconsin to the City of Milwaukee. The Board has implemented its responsibilities in these respects with the objective of providing the City with a source of economic growth and its citizens with a source of employment and opportunities for commercial enterprise. It recognizes the responsibilities and efforts of other city departments in achieving the same objectives, and appreciates the fact that the text of the Plan, in turn, expressly recognizes the Board’s lawful jurisdiction, authority, and responsibilities as set forth by the foregoing enactments. The Board reserves the right, in the future, to object to specific provisions of the Plan, or to the application of the Plan to particular circumstances if it contends that they may be inconsistent therewith.

The Board, for its part, will make every effort to cooperate with the Department of City Development and other pertinent city departments in order to effectuate the goals of this Plan, consistent with the fulfillment of its own responsibilities and objectives. We are very grateful for the Common Council’s careful consideration of this Plan in furtherance of our common goals.

Very truly yours,

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Municipal Port Director