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Honorable James N. Witkowiak Alderman, 12th Aldermanic District Room 205, City Hall

County Supervisor Peggy West Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors Room 201, Courthouse 901 North 9th Street Milwaukee, WI 53233

Subject:

Proposal to Rename South 16th Street between West Windlake Avenue and West Mitchell Street to South Cesar E. Chavez Drive

In July, 1999, County Supervisor West submitted a request to the City to rename this section of South 16th Street to South Cesar E. Chavez Drive. In accord with the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances back in 1999, the property owners were petitioned to determine whether there was at least 50% support to change this street name. The Common Council will not consider such a request until the petition is signed by at least 50% of the owners indicating their support of the street name change.

To date, the petition has not been submitted to the City. In the meantime, an ordinance change from last Fall now calls for a postcard survey to be conducted of all property owners, renters and leasees. At least 50% of those surveyed must return the postcard to the City in favor of the street name change before the Common Council will consider the street name change request.

There has been some renewed interest in pursuing the street name change. To that end, I am forwarding a cover letter that is intended to be used to poll those owners and renters to determine whether there is support for this street name change. Since this is the first postcard survey that is being conducted, you are requested to review this informational

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letter and provide me with any comments you may have. The letter will also be written in Spanish. Please reply to me at your earliest convenience.

County Supervisor West has agreed to field any questions that those polled may have. Once I hear from each of you, we will finalize the mailing and provide a copy to each of you.

You may contact Ms. Marcia Lindholm of my staff at 286-2411 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey & Polenske, P.E.

City Engineer

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c: Ms. Terry MacDonald

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Dear Property Owner/Residents:

The City has received a request from County Supervisor Peggy A. West to change the street name of South 16th Street between West Windlake Avenue and West Mitchell Street to South Cesar E. Chavez Drive.

Before the City will consider this street name change, we are interested in knowing whether you support or oppose such a change. At least 50% of you polled must be in favor of the change before the City will consider this request. Some of you may be more significantly affected by the change as all business letterhead, business/personal finances, utility accounts, and personal accounts will need to be changed if there is enough support to change the street name.

If you have any questions regarding this request, you may contact County Supervisor Peggy A. West at 414-278-4269 as the party requesting the street name change.

Please return the enclosed postcard no later than August 4, 2006 indicating your desire to have the subject street name changed.

If more than 50% of those polled support this street name change, the City will conduct its review of the proposal. If there is not enough support from the postcard survey, the proposed street name will not be considered by the City.

Post card survey enclosed

c: Alderman Robert Donovan Alderman James Witkowiak County Supervisor Peggy A. West