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

Re: Resolution relating to the Claim of LaCausa, Inc.
C.I. File No. 07-L-16

Dear Council Members:

We return the enclosed document which has been filed with the City Clerk and ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation with the following recommendation.

Claimant, LaCausa, Inc., P.O. Box 1146, Milwaukee, WI 53204-0188 alleges that on the dates of October 25 & 26, 2006 a City water main break caused flooding in leased space in the sacred Heart Center at 1545 South Layton Boulevard. They claim damages in the amount of \$37,833.84.

Our investigation reveals that the Milwaukee Water Works records indicate that on October 24, 2006 at 7:57 p.m. they received a report that the claimant's basement was flooding. They dispatched a field investigator to the area who confirmed a break in a 6-inch water main in South 29th Street, and immediately shut off the water. They contacted Digger's hotline at 9:48 p.m. to mark the underground facilities. A Water Works distribution repair crew arrived at 11:00 p.m. The crew requested parking enforcement to respond for 8-10 vehicles causing an obstruction, in the 1500 block of South 29th Street. The vehicles were moved to another location so that the crew could perform the necessary repairs. The main was taken out of service at 12:00 a.m. The main was placed back in service at 10:35 a.m. on the following day. According to a distribution supervisor, the claimant's property has an underground tunnel that extends for several blocks. The main crossed the bottom of the tunnel. The main broke below it and water entered the tunnel.


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The Milwaukee Water Works was not negligent regarding their response, repair or minimization of damages. As such, the City would not be liable. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,



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