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June 8, 2020

Alderman Cavalier Johnson
City of Milwaukee Common Council President
200 E. Wells 2nd Floor
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: Appointment of Lafayette Crump

Dear President Cavalier Johnson,

As the Executive Director of Safe & Sound, a nonprofit dedicated to creating safe neighborhoods in Milwaukee, I am writing to you in support of the appointment of Lafayette Crump as the Commission of the Department of City Development.

I am privileged to have known Lafayette for many years, in his role at Prism and as the past Chair of Safe & Sound, and in that time, I have been fortunate to witness his commitment to the betterment of the City of Milwaukee and its residents. I have also spent over 11 years in city government, with nearly 3 of those years having served as the Budget Manager for the Department of City Development. During that time, I developed an intimate knowledge of what leadership in the department needs, and I know that Lafayette will be able to step in on Day 1 to provide a steady and experienced hand to guide the department, while being knowledgeable enough to successfully partner with the development community to ensure equitable prosperity in all of Milwaukee's neighborhoods as well as downtown.

Milwaukee has many needs that the Department of City Development is vital to supporting. From affordable housing to main street corridor redevelopment to equitable planning processes, our City is in need of someone with Lafayette's background and principals ensure the department is moving forward as a representative of all citizens of Milwaukee. For these reasons and more, I wholeheartedly support Lafayette's appointment as Commission of the Department of City Development.

Sincerely,

Joe'Mar Hooper
Executive Director