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

Re: Communication from attorney Howard B. Schoenfeld
on behalf of Diane Brown, et al.
C.I. File No. 01-L-77

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.

Claimants, Diane Brown, Willie P. Hill, Belverlyn Brown, James B. Brown, Ernestine Godbolt, Georgia Secrest, Charles P. Brown, Jean James, Renee Patten and Thomascene Walters, 2345 North 4th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212 through their attorneys, Steiner & Schoenfeld, 757 North Broadway, Suite 500, Milwaukee, WI 53202 allege that on January 27, 2001 the City of Milwaukee Fire Department had been called to fight a fire at their home. The Fire Department had arrived and was unable to obtain water from hydrants at two locations and had to go to a third to get water. They further allege that there were defects in the water piping system that had prevented the Fire Department from obtaining water and that the City of Milwaukee was negligent in failing to properly inspect, repair and/or maintain the system. As a result, their home was destroyed. They claim damages in the amount of \$50,000.00.

To the Hon. Common Council

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Our investigation reveals that there were no problems with the water supply or the hydrants. As such, the City of Milwaukee would not be liable. Accordingly, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,


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Enclosure