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Communication from JUNE KOZAK KANE

Re your response to my communication,
I would like to herewith request a
hearing.

Thank you very much.

This is NO way for Milwaukee to
treat its senior citizens.


Very truly yours,
June Kozak Kane

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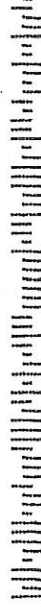
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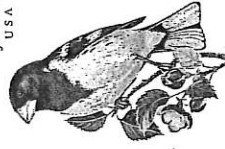
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TO THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE

RE: DAMAGES CLAIM RE BROKEN ARM, INJURED KNEE AND DISLODGED CROWN

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July 27, 2016 RE: CITY OF MILWAUKEE DAMAGES CLAIM /COMPENSATION FOR INJURIES PAGE 2/4 OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

Dear City of Milwaukee:

Coming home from the "Free Flick and Fish-Fry at the Point" a couple of years ago, I didn't see any buses or bus stops, so I began the walk home. I then learned the hard way that Milwaukee's street lights on Prospect Avenue (a street with many senior citizens and perhaps the greatest population density of the entire City) illuminate only the streets and not, alas, the sidewalks! In the darkness, I tripped on a sidewalk seam (with 0 visibility on a dark night) and fell, breaking my right arm and injuring my knee. (Columbia St Mary's emergency room x-rayed, diagnosed, and casted my arm. ^{or x-rayed my knee} You may call them for costs and details. I also have photos of the various casts.)

That was bad enough, but then the lack of repairs in this city caused me even worse havoc: Just a bit over a year ago, I was driving up Prospect Avenue in my trusty Volvo, when just at E. Kenilworth, I hit the most God-awful, GUT-WRENCHING hard-dropping pothole I have ever experienced in my life! It felt like the impact had knocked out one of my teeth! In fact, the horrendous impact had knocked out a **crown** on one of my back molars, and this has subjected me to one of the worst years of my life.

This particular crown was key to a brilliant solution created some years ago by Dr. James Photopoulos -- a professor of dentistry in Providence RI who specializes in the treatment of TMJ issues. For over a year, he provided several different bite plates for me until we finally found the correct bite angle that removed all pain from my jaw. He then created this key crown that allowed my teeth to meet at an angle that eliminated all pain from my bite.

Well. After I hit the pothole, and the crown was knocked out, I immediately made an appointment to see my dentist at Milwaukee's Forward Dental (River location) to have the crown cemented back in. However, when I brought the crown in, my dentist was unable to re-attach it. Instead, a new one had to be made. However, it seemed to me that my bite was still okay, so I then asked if perhaps all my other teeth had extruded to the higher level of the crown, and perhaps at this time, my bite could get along without the crown? It seemed that perhaps that was true, but alas, only for the first few months.

Alas, as the months wore on, with my two back teeth not hitting properly, I began to experience more and more horrendous jaw pain; so, clearly, we had to make a new crown and place it on that back tooth. However, my local dentists are not TMJ specialists as Dr. Photopoulos is. And it was very difficult for them to know exactly how high to make the crown to achieve that perfect angle. And due to my increasingly intolerable jaw aches, my dentist had to first refer me to local specialists -- the TMJ and Facial Pain Treatment Center of Wisconsin (N. 76th Street (414-476 9400) office) , where I underwent very painful physical manipulations and where they measured me for an extremely expensive bite-plate to help relieve the intense pain in my jaw. Until it was made, I experienced terrible pain night and day.

Finally, after weeks of waiting, the bite plate was in, and my pain was temporarily relieved, except that I was unable to speak or eat with the bite-plate in my mouth!

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In the meantime, I was fitted for a crown on the lower back tooth, in an extremely painful procedure where areas of tooth and gum had to be cut away since my teeth had shifted, to allow the new crown enough room to rest properly in place as it had before it had been knocked out due to the pothole on a major street where it should have been fixed.

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It took me 3 days to recuperate from the agonizing and lengthy procedure. In the meantime, I was fitted with a temporary crown, made of soft plastic and sharp metal. One day, a piece of this "temporary" plastic fell off, and I was left with a sharp piece of metal piercing my tongue. I was unable to speak because moving my tongue caused the metal to rip the side of my tongue, and I was unable to eat. I went to my dentists the next morning at 7 AM, but had to wait nearly 2 ½ agonizing hours before a dentist could trim the metal and release me from my pain.

The first crown was not high enough to relieve my jaw pain, and we had to remeasure and order a second crown to be made.

As soon as possible, the second re-done crown arrived, and was temporarily cemented in place until Dr. Ruzicka could speak with Dr. Photopoulos to figure out whether the lower crown should be put in at an arbitrary height, and then fine adjustments would be made on the tooth that would be in the upper jaw just above it, or whether we should do the opposite.

After about a month of agony while the doctors debated how to proceed, it has finally been determined that we will be permanently cementing the new crown in place on July 28th, 2016, and then we will be working on fine tuning my jaw angle with different levels of temporary crowns on the tooth above it.

Needless to say, this has been a year of major pain, discomfort, and agony because of the City's negligence.

My bills are in the several thousands, and we are not finished yet. Hours have been wasted in discussions, in dental surgery, and in recovery. Days, weeks and months have left me in terrible pain. I can only begin to guess what a toll this has taken on my general health, as I am 69 years of age.

And all because Milwaukee somehow couldn't manage to fix a major pothole. Yes, as soon as I reported it online, it was indeed fixed promptly. But surely thousands of cars had hit that pothole previously – perhaps even police cars and city vehicles. Why did it have to wait for a 69 year old resident to undergo a major hit before something was done?

While my lost Crown bills are not yet finished, I estimate that they will be in the neighborhood of about \$6,000 – 10,000+. I may yet have to travel to Providence RI for Dr. Photopoulos to fine-tune this work. That would add another \$5000 and a major time, travel, and hotel investment. I am hoping that within the next month or two, we may achieve some sort of acceptable bite angle for me.

Given my pain and suffering, and the MAJOR WASTE OF MY PRECIOUS AND LIMITED TIME WHILE TWO PROFESSORS ARE WAITING FOR ME TO COMPLETE A VERY IMPORTANT BOOK, I would like to request compensation for my broken arm, the dislodged crown, and all of their sequellae in the amount of

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\$150,000. I will consider such a check to be payment in full. This will also cover all future costs and sequellae.

Considering what the city's dereliction of duties have put me through, I consider this a minor amount which I am asking for without an attorney. If I have to hire one, I'm sure the amount will be higher. Since one of my sisters is a local attorney, I would not have to pay for attorney services; however, I suspect that when attorneys enter into complaints, numbers somehow increase.

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Meanwhile, I was a devoted City employee for many years, as Chief Nutritionist for the City Health Department. I'm the person who wrote much of the grant that brought the then-county WIC program from County jurisdiction to its excellent place within all the City health centers, under the aegis of the City of Milwaukee Health Department. My husband also served the city indirectly, as an illustrious President of Mount Sinai Hospital and Medical Center for eight amazing years until his expertise was required to help a major hospital in Providence RI.

In my senior years, I certainly deserve better protection in the city of my birth than the City has provided me thus far. As yet another example of laxity in environmental safety for the Prospect Avenue area, about a year ago, I walked down to Summerfest, and in the evening, got onto a waiting bus there, and asked the driver how far up Prospect the bus went. Much to my horror and shock, the driver said that he didn't actually go up Prospect at all!!! Instead, he informed me that he would be dropping me off on Wisconsin Avenue (!!!!!) (Imagine, a woman in her late sixties, all alone, at night, on Wisconsin Ave.!!) where "another bus would come along and take me up Prospect." Oh sure. But WHEN?? After waiting quite some time, alone, and in fear, I then proceeded to walk the mile home. THIS IS A PATHETIC WAY TO TREAT THE AGING POPULATION THAT LIVES IN GREAT POPULATION DENSITY IN THE LARGE APARTMENT BUILDINGS ON PROSPECT AVENUE. AS I HAVE BEEN SAYING FOR A YEAR, THE VERY LEAST YOU CAN OFFER US IS A LOOP RIDE (TROLLEY, BUS, OR WHATEVER) TAKING RESIDENTS ALL THE WAY UP PROSPECT AVE, STOPPING ON EVERY BLOCK, AND ALL THE WAY DOWN FARWELL, STOPPING AT EVERY BLOCK; AND WE ALSO NEED ADEQUATE SIDEWALK LIGHTING AND IMPROVED SIDEWALKS /ROADS.

THESE ARE ALL SERIOUS GRIEVANCES WITH EACH ONE HOLDING THE POTENTIAL TO CAUSE DEATH, INJURY AND DEBILITATION. THESE CONDITIONS ARE SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE.

KIINDLY FORWARD ME A CHECK FOR \$150,000 MADE OUT TO JUNE KOZAK KANE as payment in full for my injuries and the sequellae of said injuries, which injuries were incurred as a result of Milwaukee's horrible sidewalks, lighting, roads, and inadequate public transportation to residents of the very high population density Prospect Avenue area.

Consider yourselves fortunate that I am not calling on one of Milwaukee's fine injury attorneys to handle this matter. I simply want to be "made whole." I will expect prompt attention to this request. I have a good number of future medical/dental appointments, pain, and additional suffering before my ordeal is over, but I prefer to settle now. Thank you very much for your kind attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

June Kozak Kane