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To The Honorable Members of the Finance &
Personnel Committee
Common Council of the City of Milwaukee
City Hall, Room 205
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: File No. 040229

Dear Honorable Members of the Finance & Personnel Committee:

I strongly support the proposal for Robert Greenstreet to become the director of planning and design services in the City's Department of City Development, while also continuing as Dean of the School of Architecture & Urban Planning at UWM.

In my 30 years of practicing real estate law in the City of Milwaukee, I have had numerous occasions to observe, work with, and get to know Dr. Greenstreet. I have never failed to be impressed by him and the positive influences he has had over the people and the institutions around him. He is a dedicated and talented design professional and has already had a significant impact on the design of our community, through his roles as Dean, Chair of the City's Plan Commission, and various other community activities. He is also a very accomplished administrator, and there is no doubt in my mind that he can and will do an excellent job, both at DCD and UWM, while at the same time providing a unique opportunity to bring the considerable resources of UWM to bear on various City initiatives.

I firmly believe that Dr. Greenstreet is the very best person to serve as our next City director of planning and design, and I strongly encourage you to approve the proposed Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement that would make this happen.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael W. Hatch



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Alderman Michael J. Murphy, Chair
Finance and Personnel Committee
Milwaukee Common Council
200 East Wells Street
Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3567

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Dear Alderman Murphy:

Re: Robert Greenstreet

I am writing this letter to express my strong and unqualified support for the nomination of Robert Greenstreet to the position of City Architect/City Planner. Accordingly, I urge that your Committee approve the proposed Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City and the Board of Regents that will be before you on July 21.

Simply put, Dr. Greenstreet is a superb choice for this job. He has served with distinction as the Chairman of the City's Plan Commission and is extremely well-respected within the development community in Milwaukee. He is thoroughly familiar with the planning goals and philosophy that have been developed within the City's planning department in recent years, and, in fact, helped transform theory into practice through his participation on the City's Zoning Code Task Force.

Dr. Greenstreet has been instrumental in elevating the UWM School of Architecture to national prominence, and he has forged relationships between the School and the private sector through the creation of the School's Roundtable Forum. The development community is confident of the ability and integrity that Dr. Greenstreet would bring to this role--not only because of his professional skills and experience, but also because of his balanced perspective and plain common sense.

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The bottom line is that Dr. Greenstreet is immensely talented and the City is very fortunate to have this opportunity. At the same time, UWM is very fortunate to be able to retain his services at the School of Architecture. I sincerely hope that this arrangement will be approved by the City so that Dr. Greenstreet can get to work on behalf of the City as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce T. Block". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bruce T. Block

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