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Ald. Michael Murphy  
City Hall, Room 205  
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Dear Ald. Murphy,

I am writing in support of File **070327**, "Substitute resolution directing the Intergovernmental Relations Division - Department of Administration to lobby the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to fund a comprehensive analysis of housing patterns and opportunities throughout southeastern Wisconsin for people of varied socioeconomic backgrounds."

Such a study is necessary if SEWRPC is to conduct legitimate, authoritative land use and transportation studies. Housing — or the lack of it — is a key component to those types of studies.

SEWRPC first promised in mid-2005 to conduct the housing study, but has failed to follow through on its commitment. It launched other studies in the meantime, including a \$50,000 study of the 30th Street Industrial Corridor area. According to SEWRPC Executive Director Phil Evenson, SEWRPC undertook this study without a formal vote and at the request of one public official — the chair of the County Board's Economic and Community Development Committee.

Since SEWRPC is so responsive to the request of elected officials, I would suggest that, in addition to directing Intergovernmental Relations to lobby SEWRPC, the Common Council send a letter requesting SEWRPC to conduct its long-delayed housing study.

SEWRPC clearly was extremely respectful of and responsive to the county supervisor's request regarding the 30th Street Corridor study. I assume that it would be even more respectful of and responsive to a request coming from the entire Common Council.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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