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

Re: Resolution Relating to the Claim of LORENE SIEKERT

C.I. File No. 11-L-41

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.

Claimant, Lorene Siekert, 1748 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204-4001, alleges that on March 16, 2011 she suffered a sewer back-up into her basement. She also alleges this back-up was caused by the road replacement project along South 1<sup>st</sup> Street. She claims damages in the amount of \$14,300.00.

Our investigation reveals that this was a Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) repaying project. **DAAR Engineering** was the consultant hired by the D.O.T. for design, supervision and inspection of the project. The prime contractor for the project is **Zignego Company, Inc**. Since the City was not involved in this operation, we recommend denial of this claim.

Very truly yours,

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