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August 10, 2006

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Request to change street name  
Change South 16<sup>th</sup> Street from West Windlake Avenue  
to West Mitchell Street to South Cesar E. Chavez Drive

Dear Honorable Members:

Common Council File Number 990661 proposes an ordinance be adopted to rename South 16<sup>th</sup> Street to South Cesar E. Chavez Drive between West Windlake Avenue and West Mitchell Street.

Chapter 113-3 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances defines the policy and procedure the City is to follow when a request is submitted to consider changing a street name. Ordinance Number 050197 was adopted in June, 2005 which modified the procedure. Among other things, this ordinance now requires that a postcard survey be conducted of all property owners, residents and businesses along the street proposed to be renamed. Prior to this ordinance change, a supporter of the street name change was responsible for circulating a petition to the property owners to determine their support/opposition to the street name change. With this process, there was a concern that renters and businesses that lease space would be left out of the decision to change the street even though that name change would certainly affect them as their address would change. This ordinance change now calls for all owners and occupants to be surveyed to determine whether they support the proposed street renaming. The ordinance revision also states that the street naming proposal shall not be given further consideration unless the results of the postcard survey indicate that at least 50 percent of all property owners, renters and businesses along the street support the proposal.

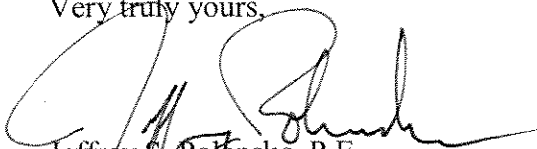
The Department of Public Works (DPW) has been charged with conducting the postcard survey. An informational letter was prepared in both English and Spanish explaining that the City had received a request to rename a segment of South 16<sup>th</sup> Street to South Cesar E. Chavez Drive and that they should be aware that a street name change will change their address. For this request, County Supervisor Peggy West was the sponsor so her name and telephone number was included in the letter to answer any specific questions about the street name request. The informational letter and postcard survey was mailed to all property owners, residents and businesses along this segment of South 16<sup>th</sup> Street and that amounted to 443 being surveyed.

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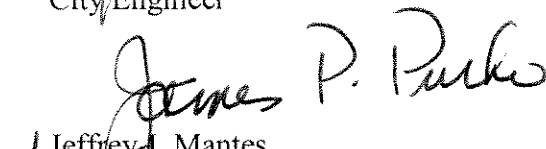
Regarding the results of the postcard survey, per the ordinance, at least 50 percent of the 443 surveyed or 227 postcards would need to be returned in favor of renaming the street in order for the proposal to be considered by the City. For this street renaming proposal 75 postcards were returned and 8 (11%) supported the street renaming and 67 (89%) were in opposition. Attached please find a copy of the postcards that were returned to DPW with comments on them.

In accord with the ordinance, since this street renaming proposal was not supported by those along this segment of South 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Common Council File Number 990661 should be placed on file.

Very truly yours,



Jeffrey S. Potenske, P.E.  
City Engineer



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Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment

c: Alderman James N. Witkowiak, w/attachments  
County Supervisor Peggy West, w/attachments

Change: S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street to S. Cesar E. Chavez Drive between  
W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

Yes (Si), change the street name 000032

No, do not change the street name

Comments: I don't like the new name

Name Bike 2 Unike. Phone 672-1265  
Address 1751 W. 16<sup>th</sup> St Zip 53204

Change: S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street to S. Cesar E. Chavez Drive between  
W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

Yes (Si), change the street name 000013

No, do not change the street name

Comments: over 50 years of Burama  
is located on West 16<sup>th</sup> St  
also to hard to say.

Name Thomas Bermette Phone 353-7290  
Address 1520 W. Leneah Zip 53215

Change: S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street to S. Cesar E. Chavez Drive between  
W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

Yes (Si), change the street name 000037

No, do not change the street name

Comments: Leave it short and simple.

Name Rosalinda Benavides Phone 414-588-6837  
Address 1244 W. Madison St Zip 53204  
1205 W. Madison St

Change: S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street to S. Cesar E. Chavez Drive between  
W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

Yes (Si), change the street name 000024

No, do not change the street name

Comments: DON'T FORGET ABOUT ALL THE  
PEOPLE WHO HAVE ~~THE~~ LIVED ON THE 16<sup>th</sup> ST  
ALL THEIR LIVES. THE POLISH AND THE GERMANS.  
NO NEED TO CHANGE THE NAME.

Name DEBBIE SWANTO Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 1735 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St Zip 53204

Change: S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street to S. Cesar E. Chavez Drive between  
W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

Yes (SI), change the street name 000052

No, do not change the street name

Comments: The new street name would  
be too long to write out when  
writing your address.

Name Rogerio Martin Phone 2841097  
Address 1921 So 16th Street Zip 53204

Change: S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street to S. Cesar E. Chavez Drive between  
W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

Yes (SI), change the street name 000039

No, do not change the street name

Comments: Do not want to change personal info.  
Current designation between  
NATIONAL & Greenfield is sufficient & Appropriate  
Other NATIONALITIES do reside in AREA - not  
dominated by hispanic population.

Name Amy Prechowski Phone 671-2372  
Address 1813 S. 16th St Zip 53204

Change: S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street to S. Cesar E. Chavez Drive between  
W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

Yes (SI), change the street name 000090

No, do not change the street name

Comments: WHY SPEND THE MONEY TO CHANGE  
ALL OF THE SIGNS THERE ARE BETTER  
REASONS TO USE IT. EXAMPLE = CLEAN  
UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD THERE IS  
TRASH EVERYWHERE.

Name ELIZABETH Kotlars Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 2063A South 16th St Zip 53204

Change: S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street to S. Cesar E. Chavez Drive between  
W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

Yes (SI), change the street name 000078

No, do not change the street name

Comments: DO NOT CHANGE

Name Michayl Puerling Phone 840-4889  
Address 2036 S 16th St Zip 53215

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

Yes (SI), change the street name 000078

No, do not change the street name

Comments: DO NOT CHANGE

Name Michayl Puerling Phone 840-4889  
Address 2036 S 16th St Zip 53215

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000112

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: I AM NOT AT ALL  
INTERESTED IN AN ADDRESS  
CHANGE.

Name SUSAN M. GROOMS Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 261 S. 16<sup>th</sup> ST Zip 53315

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000110

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name - opposed

Comments: I'M WELL AWARE OF CESAR CHAVEZ'S ACCOMPLISHMENT  
BUT NOT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MILWAUKEE - OUTSIDE  
OF OUR FRIENDS SOUTH OF THE BURGER RESIDING IN THIS  
AREA. FF THE TRMB REFLECTIONS OF THE CESAR CHAVEZ  
LEGACY WOULD PRESENT THE AREA WIDEN BE VASTLY  
DIFFERENT THAN WHAT IS PRESENTLY EXISTING.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000123

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: I do not see the need.  
Leave it alone.  
Too costly to change, Letter Head,  
etc. (oppose change)

Name Ken Baitele Phone 267-2028  
Address 2201 516 Zip 53211  
2201 516  
2211 516

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000118

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: Good but want  
it changed

Name Duke Pelt Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 2179 So 16<sup>th</sup> Zip 53215

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000133

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: WHY NOT POLASKI DRIVE  
OR JUST LEAVE 17 16<sup>th</sup> STR.  
I DON'T WANT TO CHANGE MY  
MY ADDRESS

Name ALICIA SZEP Phone 645 8659  
Address 2336 S 16<sup>th</sup> ST Zip 53215

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000130

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: ASK 10 people if they know why the  
street is named after him, only one or  
two will know what he did. And you  
may get one or two that think it's the best.

Name Jess Kopykowski Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 2229 50 16<sup>th</sup> Street Zip 53215

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000133

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000154

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: There is nothing wrong with the  
ST named 16<sup>th</sup>. Money could be spent  
more wisely on other improvements  
in the area

Name Ronald Tesmer Phone 794 0653  
Address 2336 S 16 Zip 53215

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000163

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: If you want to  
change the name - could you  
widen the street also - it  
is very narrow

Name D. LAZARUS Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 2354 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000195

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: 16th HAS BEEN LIKE THIS FOREVER  
NO NEED TO CHANGE IT NOW. KEEP IT AS  
16th STREET.

Name REYES GARCIA. Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 1735A S. 16th St Zip 53204.

Change: S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street to S. Cesar E. Chavez Drive between  
W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000247

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: Por que heique Aser de  
Mucho papeleo de las propiedad  
Cambiar el nombre de Calle  
y NO Ay NESICO dag de cambiar  
No mbre

Name Raul Sanchez Phone 414 648 1023  
Address 2021 316ST Milwaukee WI Zip 53204

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000172

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: that does one expect a  
Tourist to know the same  
street has different names  
as they travel

Name ALAN RASK Phone 858.9760  
Address 2377 So 16 St Zip 53215

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000201

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: BECAUSE MANY OTHER THING  
will need to be changed.  
if the street ~~is~~ changes the name.

Name JOE HIN GONGO Phone (414) 671-414  
Address 1800 S. 16th St Zip 53204

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000270

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: I Feel that it shouldn't be  
changed because its a waste of time  
and money the city should be focusing  
on more important things.

Name Nancy Nicholson Phone 384-1761  
Address 2053 So 16<sup>th</sup> Street Zip 53204

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: CHANGE 15th PLACE IF ANYTHING  
THERE IS A S. CESAR E CHAVEZ DRIVE FROM  
NATIONAL TO MITCHELL STREET. PLEASE LEAVE  
IT AS IS.

Name William Hall Phone 914-647-1161  
Address 2037 S. 16th St Ni. WI Zip 53204

000260

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000301

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: We like to remember that  
there is still some white people  
here on 16 st. too. Why don't  
everything need to be Spanish?

Name M. Hartline Phone none  
Address 2146 So 16 st Zip 53215

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000276

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: EVERY MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, THE MEXICANS CRUISE  
UP AND DOWN 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET YELLING IN SPANISH THAT  
WE SHOULD GET OUT OF THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, THAT  
WE DON'T BELONG IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. NO WAY!  
MOST OF THEM ARE HERE ILLEGALLY AND THEY CAN  
DON'T BELONG HERE. THIS DOES NOT HAVE MR CHAVEZ!  
NAME ROBERT KAPSARIS Phone (414) 643-0128

2063 SOUTH 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET Zip 53204



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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000325

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: I've had my business  
on South 16<sup>th</sup> Street for  
33 years and changing it  
would affect many jobs

Name Annalynn Phone 384-0065  
Address 2179 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St. Zip 53215

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000314

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: I'm not interested at all

Name DENISE RUTENBERG Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 2463 So 16<sup>th</sup> ST Zip 53215

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000366

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: It's been S. 16<sup>th</sup> St for ever  
I don't want to change the name of  
this street or any other in Mil.

Name Hspks Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 2320 S 16<sup>th</sup> St. Zip 53215

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000331

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: 16th should be 16th ST  
As it was Davis Chang IT  
To Another NATIONALITY.

Name DR STEF DEBIELEK Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 2207 S 6th Zip 53215

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000429

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments:

Haven't we suffered enough.....

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000404

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments:

It would require a lot of  
document changes and confusion  
for people looking for my address.  
Family from out of town.

Name Connie M Green Phone 643-6377

Address 2377-A SO 16<sup>th</sup> ST. MIJOTE Zip 53215

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000389

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments:

NOX or change  
or documents.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000412

YES Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Julio Ocasas Phone 672-2875

Address 2403 S. 16<sup>th</sup> ST Zip 53211

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

Yes (Si), change the street name

000034

No, do not change the street name

Comments: ORIGINAL AREA FOR  
NAME CHANGE IS KNOWN -  
THAT IS THE COMMERCIAL LOT

Name James Droll Phone 384-5413  
Address 2208 W. MITCHELL ST Zip 53204  
FOR 1807 S. 16TH ST

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

Yes (Si), change the street name

000043

No, do not change the street name

Comments: THIS IS NOT SUCKING  
MEXICO, THEY HAVE ENOUGH  
SHIT ON 16TH ST  
LEAVE IT AS IS THANK YOU  
WE BEEN HERE 40 FOR YEARS

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Change: S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street to S. Cesar E. Chavez Drive between  
W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

Yes (Si), change the street name

000016

No, do not change the street name

Comments: 16th st. between 15th  
and 17th is the way it  
should be.

Name Roy Larson Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Change: S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street to S. Cesar E. Chavez Drive between  
W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

Yes (Si), change the street name

000035

No, do not change the street name

Comments: DOGS NOT NEEDED TO  
BE EXTERMINATED

Name JAMES DROLL Phone 384 5413  
Address 2208 W. MITCHELL ST Zip 53204  
FOR 1803 S. 16TH ST

Change: S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street to S. Cesar E. Chavez Drive between  
W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000121

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: oppose change

Name Ken Barteli Phone 301-2028  
Address 2207 S 16 Zip 53215

**CHANGING THE STREET NAME WILL CAUSE INSURANCE RATES**

Change: S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street to S. Cesar E. Chavez Drive between **TO RISE**  
W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000185

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: **I OWN A 4 FAMILY HOME IM HANDICAPPED  
AND DO NOT WANT TO CHANGE MY ADDRESS WITH ALL  
MY DOCTORS, SOCIAL SECURITY, INSURANCE, HOSPITALS  
AND FRIENDS + FAMILY. I ALSO THINK IT WILL ATTRACT  
THE UNDESIRABLE ELEMENTS OF THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY  
LIKE DRUG DEALERS, PROSTITUTES, THEIVES, AND LOITERING**

Name RONALD CLEMENTS Phone 672-0298  
Address 2429 S. 16<sup>th</sup> ST. MILWAU. Zip 53215

**GIVING THEM A PLACE TO MEET AND DO ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES  
LIKE THE STRETCH OF CESAR CHAVEZ THAT EXISTS**

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000120

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: oppose change

Name Ken Barteli Phone 301-2028  
Address 2211 S 16 Zip 53215

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000156

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments: We have lived here for  
28 years ON 16<sup>th</sup> not  
something else

Name Les Wilk Phone 647-1494  
Address 2341 S. 16 Zip 53215

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000428

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments:

Name a whole city in Calif. for  
him but NOT GUY STREET!

Name

Tracy Knies

Phone

Address

16<sup>th</sup> St. (NOT CEC DR.)

Zip

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W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000187

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments:

16<sup>th</sup> St between 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>  
seems to be just fine

Name

Ry Larson

Phone

Address

Zip

Change: S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street to S. Cesar E. Chavez Drive between  
W. Windlake Avenue and W. Mitchell Street

000401

Yes (Si), change the street name

No, do not change the street name

Comments:

We think the street  
name should not be  
changed! It's been that  
way for years -

Name

Nathy Rooney

Phone

Address

2376 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St

Zip

687-2135

53215