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

Re:

Communication from Karen S. Poplar

C.I. File No. 01-L-125

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, Karen S. Poplar, 4203 West Lombard, Davenport, IA 52804, alleges that on May 4, 2001 she sustained injuries when she stepped on an uneven part of the sidewalk in the 400 block of West Kilbourn Avenue. She claims damages in the amount of \$150,000.00.

Our investigation reveals that the Infrastructure Services Division records from May 4, 2000 to May 4, 2001 show no complaints of sidewalk defects in the area where the claimant indicated she fell. Upon notification of a defect the division will send a repair crew to correct a hazard usually within 24 hours. Prior to this complaint, the City had no notice of this defect and because of this lack of notice, the City would not be liable. Accordingly, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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MGT:beg Enclosure