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12th District Alderman

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Dear Neighbor,

Our district is unique in the City of Milwaukee in that our rich heritage of cultural diversity spans a wide spectrum. Within our district, we can trace the arrival of the city's various ethnic and cultural groups across the years: From the first Irish, Serbian, Polish and German immigrants to our latest newcomers, the Asians and Hispanics.

Many of our neighbors feel our neighborhoods should reflect that cultural diversity.

My office has been contacted with a request from the Cesar Chavez Blvd. Committee, to change the name of Lapham Blvd., from 1st to 16th Sts., to Cesar Chavez Blvd. This name change would honor the memory of Cesar Chavez, who fought long and hard in the organized labor and civil rights struggles -- especially for the migrant workers.

As alderman, I represent the entire district, and feel everyone affected should have a chance to be heard on this issue.

In the next few weeks, members of the Cesar Chavez Blvd. Committee and I will call upon every property and business owner in the affected area to seek signatures on a petition regarding this matter. The petition will be submitted to the Milwaukee Common Council for consideration.

Please feel free to contact my office, should you have any comments, questions or suggestions regarding this name change, or any other matter.

Sincerely,


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