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Alderman, 5th District

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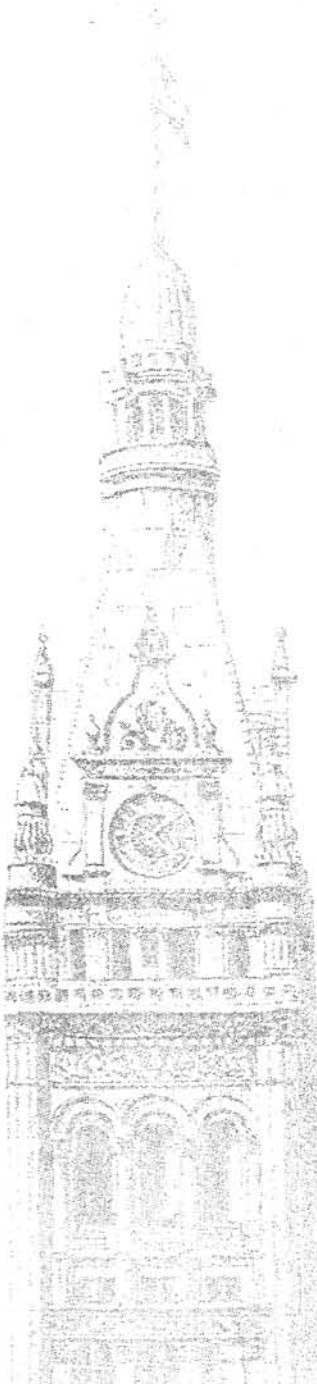
Tom Barrett, Mayor
City of Milwaukee
200 East Wells Street, Room 200
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Mayor Barrett,

We are writing to express our dismay with findings that came out of the recently released City Comptroller's audit on the Canal Street paving project. Most disturbing in the audit was evidence that Department of Public Works (DPW) officials knowingly misled members of the Common Council of the anticipated costs of the project.

We believe you would agree that deception of this nature is not acceptable at any level of government. We also believe that the deception is compounded when decisions affected as a result of misinformation impact tens of millions of dollars in taxpayers' money.

While we realize that the misrepresentations detailed in this audit speak to actions conducted during the Norquist administration, we understand that a number of the individuals in question remain actively employed by the city. Given the serious nature of the allegations raised, we are urging you to initiate an internal probe to seek further answers to the question of how much was known at the time when testimony was relayed by DPW officials that the cost for the Canal Street project would be \$20 million. Furthermore, we believe that such an investigation should consider the level of culpability of individuals responsible for these actions. Most importantly, we feel that if an investigation supports a conclusion that DPW officials deliberately misled the Council, a responsive and



measured disciplinary action should be put into effect by your administration.
Termination should be considered an option.

Given the unsavory allegations heaped on the City by a previous administration,
we trust that you'll take the proper course to rectify this wrong.

Yours most sincerely,



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