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To the Honorable Common Council
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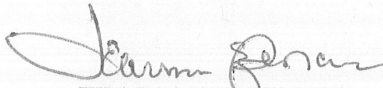
Re: Communication Regarding Resolution To Hire Immigration Law Firm
C.I. File No. 1084-2024-147

Dear Council Members:

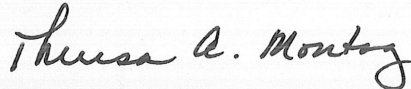
Enclosed please find a substituted resolution. We ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation, with the following recommendation.

The City Attorney's Office contacted 4 immigration law firms when searching for an immigration law firm for the Milwaukee Health Department. The Health Department required someone familiar with the process of obtain an O-1 visa for a noncitizen candidate for the position of assistant laboratory director. The law firm of Chenhalls Nissen S.C. fit with the qualifications required by MCO § 304-23. Kelley Chenhalls, partner in the law firm of Chenhalls Nissen S.C., was interviewed regarding the firm's ability and knowledge of the process for obtaining an O-1 visa. The law firm has over 20 years of experience in the area of immigration law. Ms. Chenhalls focuses on employment based immigration issues for professionals in the medical field and has represented professors, researchers and individuals with extraordinary ability. She is an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and has been active in leadership roles in the Wisconsin chapter.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

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