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Central North Community Council
2017 N. 5th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53212

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Alderman Joe Davis, Sr.
Chair, Community and Economic Development Committee
Milwaukee Common Council
200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Alderman Davis:

The Central North Community Council wishes to express our strong support for the "City Hall Historical Museum Project". Milwaukee's City Hall is a beautiful building that used to be the symbol of our city, but more recently has been often overlooked as a destination for tourists and families. We feel the museum project is an opportunity to remedy this. We believe a museum and accompanying exhibits would draw increased numbers of visitors to the building.

A permanent space with artifacts and displays presents the opportunity to educate and excite Milwaukeeans and visitors about the story of the building's creation. This story is found not just in terms of the architecture and construction, but in the community and social history involved. From the Bay View tragedy, to the social and political movements which turned 20th Century Milwaukee into one of the best run cities in the United States, the City Hall story is the chronicle of how 19th Century Milwaukeeans' desire for just, honest, fair, open governance, in which all voices are heard, led to standards of good government still demanded by Milwaukee citizens. The fact that, in spite of having great challenges to overcome, this distinctive structure was built and still functions as the seat of city government, is a reminder of how much can be achieved when citizens work together and persist.

Our Community Council believes that learning about the ideals and traditions of our city's past, will instill in school children, and Milwaukeeans of all ages, a renewed sense of pride in our community, and will encourage in citizens and visitors a determination to continue to demand and participate in the tradition of honest, just government by and for all the people of their community.

The Central North Community Council asks the Common Council to support the creation of a museum to tell the City Hall story, and we pledge to help this project become a reality.

Sincerely,



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