

rec. M. Hussey

August 19, 2002

Alderman Robert Donovan
City Hall, Room 205
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-3570

Alderman Robert Donovan:

We, the residents of the Boulevard Apartments, located at 2627 West Lapham Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53204, are hereby requesting that a FOUR-WAY STOP & GO SIGN be installed at the corner of 27th & Lapham Street. We feel that it is imperative that it be installed immediately before a fatal accident does occur.

We believe that the automobile was a vehicle that was invented and designed primarily as a means of transportation for man and was not meant to be used as an instrument of death.

Since July 1, 2002 three (3) accidents have occurred at 27th & Lapham Street. The last accident occurred on Thursday, August 15, 2002 at 3:00 P.M.. It was a four car collision.

"Car #1 was traveling North on Layton Boulevard and struck Car #2 when Car #2 was attempting to cross the street on to Lapham Street, East. Car #3 was waiting on the corner of Layton Boulevard and Lapham Street. The car was facing West of Lapham Street. Car #4 was parked on Lapham Street facing West. The police were present. There should be a police report of the accident at the 6th Street Precinct Police Station."

Regarding the other two accidents that occurred prior to August 15, 2002, you should be able to investigate this matter more thoroughly from the police reports.

Many of the elderly residents living in the Boulevard Apartments cross the Boulevard on a daily basis. They cross the Boulevard to go to lunch at the Community Care for the Elderly facility and to use its recreational center. Also, the residents of the Boulevard Apartments cross the Boulevard to catch the 27th Street buss to go shopping for food and medicine.

It seems to us that after having several meetings regarding this important issue, the department heads were more receptive to the needs of the automobile driver than the needs of the pedestrians who are always taking their lives in their own hands by crossing the Boulevard on 27th & Lapham Street. We sincerely hope that we will not only have your full support in this matter, but also the full support of the department heads and the Common Council.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely,



MS. ESTHER M. HUSSEY, Resident
Boulevard Apartments, Apt. 416

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Layton Boulevard West Neighbors

Building partnerships for a neighborhood that cares.

August 12, 2002

Alderman Bob Donovan
City Hall, Room 205
200 E Wells
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3570

Dear Alderman Donovan,

Layton Boulevard West Neighbors (LBWN), Inc. is a community development corporation working in one of Milwaukee's most diverse south side neighborhoods. LBWN's mission is to stabilize and revitalize neighborhood through the cultivation of neighborhood leaders.

As an organization that works to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood, LBWN fully supports the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of S. Layton Boulevard and W. Lapham Street. A traffic signal at the intersection would increase public safety for pedestrians crossing the Boulevard, especially for the elderly and children. Many elderly residents living in the Boulevard Apartments cross the Boulevard on a daily basis. They cross the Boulevard to go for lunch at the Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) facility and to use its recreational center. Also, they cross the Boulevard to catch the bus to go shopping for food and medicine. Neighbors in the area also use this intersection to cross the Boulevard. Children who live east of Layton Boulevard cross at this intersection to attend schools in this neighborhood. The signatures of the residents on the submitted petition clearly reflect their support of this initiative.

LBWN encourages the City of Milwaukee to install a traffic control signal at the intersection of Layton Boulevard and Lapham Street to assist pedestrians as they cross the Boulevard.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte John-Gomez
Executive Director
Layton Boulevard West Neighbors



August 23, 2002

Alderman Robert Donovan
City Hall
200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Alderman Donovan:

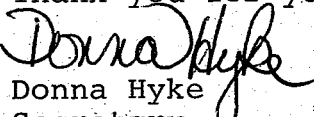
Our neighborhood organization, Historic Layton Boulevard Association has been contacted by residents of the Boulevard Apartments regarding the installation of a traffic light on the corner of South Layton Boulevard & W. Lapham Street.

We agree with the residents that a stop light at this intersection would be beneficial not only for the residents of the apartment building but also for other neighbors. We do have an on-going problem with traffic exceeding the posted speed limit of 25MPH and also truck traffic that is still using the Boulevard as a short cut to the expressway.

It is extremely difficult to cross the street and we can't imagine how hard it must be for senior citizens or someone with a disability to navigate through the speeding traffic.

Please feel free to contact our president, Patricia Davison at 645-4059, if you have any questions or need more information.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.


Donna Hyke
Secretary



August 27, 2002

St. Clare Management, Inc.

Alderman Bob Donovan
City Hall, Room 205
200 E. Wells
Milwaukee, Wi. 53202-3570

Dear Alderman Donovan,

St. Clare Management, Inc. is a local property management company which manages Clare Towers apartments at 1546 S. 29th Street. Residents at Clare Towers are limited to people who are physically disabled and have a mobility impairment which requires the special features and amenities of the building.

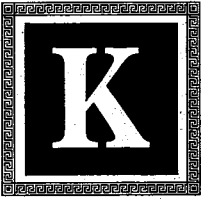
As an organization which has employees at its main offices at the Sacred Heart Center and residents at Clare Towers, we fully support the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of S. Layton Boulevard and W. Lapham Avenue. It is virtually impossible for one of our mobility impaired residents of Clare Towers to cross S. Layton Boulevard to get on or off the bus on the east side of the boulevard. If they were to try this crossing especially in a wheelchair, it puts them in a very risky situation since the traffic is at a fast pace through that area as it currently is set up. Employees find it difficult and risky to attempt to cross to the north bound lanes at that point on Layton Boulevard.

Because we are interested in the safety of both residents and employees, we encourage the City of Milwaukee to install a traffic control signal at the intersection of Layton boulevard and Lapham Avenue.

Thank you for your assistance in making the neighborhood a safer place to live.

Sincerely,

Philip Aggen, CEO
St. Clare Management, Inc.



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August 6, 2002

Alderman Robert Donovan
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200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: Traffic Light at the intersection of 27th and Lapham

Dear Alderman Donovan:

I am the owner of the 140 unit elderly complex known as Boulevard Apartments on the corner of 27th and Lapham. We met briefly at the meeting a few weeks ago, and I appreciate your attendance at that meeting. The tenants are very concerned about the traffic on 27th Street, and they were very happy to see you taking interest.

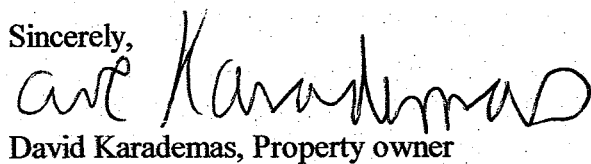
The reasons for adding a traffic light on this corner are self-evident. We have a community of 140 apartments, many of which have couples rather than individuals. That makes the population much greater than 140. In addition, across the street is a hospital which greatly adds to the elderly traffic.

The vast majority of our residents use the bus system rather than driving. Therefore, every time they leave the complex they must cross the street to the bus stop. Furthermore, the elderly citizens visiting the hospital across the street must also cross 27th Street to use the bus.

Because these citizens are elderly, many of them are unable to move quickly. Crossing the street is physically hazardous, not to mention the perception of hazard. In short, many of our residents cross the street in fear every day.

Please give careful thought to our petition for a traffic light at this corner. If you have any questions, or need another meeting with the tenants, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,


David Karademas, Property owner

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9/20/02

Dear Donovan Roberts

How long does one have
to beg?

Ten years ago petitions
were signed from Boulevard
Apartments 2627 St. Lapham St.
about having a stop light sign
on the corner of St. Lapham and
South 27th St. The elderly
and handicapped have a
hard time crossing in this
intersection. We are trying
again. We have people
with canes and walkers
and eyes they do take the
bus. Please help us!!

Sincerely
A tenant from Blvd Apts

