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Mayor Tom Barrett
City Hall, Room 201

Ald. Willie L. Hines, Jr.
President, Milwaukee Common Council
City Hall, Room 205

Dear Mayor Barrett and Ald. Hines:

Common Council file #080011, which approved modifications to the City of Milwaukee's water sale agreement with the City of New Berlin, requires that designees of the Mayors of both Milwaukee and New Berlin meet annually to discuss "opportunities to improve the availability of skilled workers in both communities and to improve the access of workers in each community to job opportunities."

I am writing to report the results of the 2012 meeting, held today via telephone with New Berlin Mayor Jack F. Chiovatero and Gregory Kessler, Director of Community Development.

Much of our discussion focused on efforts in New Berlin to provide workforce housing. The city's first development financed with low income housing tax credits is nearing completion, and occupancy is expected in fall 2012. The development will provide 102 affordable 1-to-3 bedroom units and 34 units for seniors.

Additionally, the City of New Berlin has established a "fair housing trust fund," seeded with \$75,000 of City funds. The City is currently assembling a board to direct the activities of the trust fund.

Earlier this week, the New Berlin Common Council approved a "fair housing outreach plan." The plan, which includes strategies to market residential choices in New Berlin to diverse audiences and to attract multi-family developers to New Berlin, must be reviewed and approved by the U.S. Department of Justice. Mr. Kessler promised to send me a copy of the plan when it is finalized.

We briefly discussed the potential expansion of the Westridge Business Park in New Berlin. The City has begun extending sewers to serve an additional 700 acres of property adjacent to the Park. Approximately 200 acres is designated wetland; the remainder of the property would be available for residential, office and retail development. Mayor Chiovatero indicated there are no current proposals to build on this property, however.

Please contact me if you have any questions about my discussion with New Berlin officials.

Sincerely,

Martha L. Brown
Deputy Commissioner

C: Ald. Robert Bauman, Chair, Common Council Public Works Committee
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Mr. Jim Owczarski, City Clerk
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