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To: The Members of the Judiciary & Legislation Committee

From: Marianne Celeste Walsh, Fiscal Manager  
Legislative Reference Bureau

Re: CCFN 021514

Dear Chairperson D'Amato and Committee Members:

At the request of Ald. Marvin Pratt, the Legislative Reference Bureau prepared a Substitute 1 of Common Council File 021514, scheduled as Item #25 on the February 3, 2003 Judiciary & Legislation Committee agenda. Substitute 1 directs the Intergovernmental Relations Division – DOA to seek introduction and passage of state legislation requiring certain financial documentation for reporting purposes under campaign financing legislation.

At the request of Ald. Pratt and Ald. D'Amato, the LRB has prepared a Substitute 2. Substitute 2 effectively deletes reference to directing IRD-DOA to lobby for a change in state law. Instead, Substitute 2 sets a city policy that candidates for City of Milwaukee elective office and City of Milwaukee elected public officials must provide bank statements as verification of transactions in their campaign accounts to the City of Milwaukee Election Commission.

Please be aware that the intent of the Substitute 2 as drafted *may* conflict with Chapter 11 (Campaign Financing), Wis. Stats., which legislates campaign financing as a matter of statewide concern. Further, if in fact the intent of Substitute 2 as drafted was ultimately determined to be permissible under state law, the city's policy *may* best be codified in ordinance form as part of the City of Milwaukee Code of Ordinances. In either event, you may wish to seek advice from the City Attorney.

cc: Ald. Marvin Pratt  
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City Attorney Grant Langley  
Barry Zalben, LRB Manager  
Julietta Henry, Election Commission