



July 19, 2016

President Ashanti Hamilton
And Members of the Common Council
City of Milwaukee
City Hall, Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear President Hamilton and Honorable Members of the Milwaukee Common Council,

As Chairman of the Board for the Martin Luther King Economic Development Corporation (MLKEDC), I'm writing this letter in support of the re-appointment of Richard ("Rocky") Marcoux as Commissioner of the Department of City Development.

I'm aware of the concerns and issues that have been raised by certain parties regarding Mr. Marcoux's qualifications for this position; however, we believe there is no basis for these concerns based on our experience. No entity is more interested or has more at stake in terms of fairness regarding the City's development priorities than does MLKEDC. We have always found Commissioner Marcoux and the staff of DCD to be very responsive to our needs and concerns.

We are acutely aware of the importance of continuity in the Department of City Development and the role that timeliness plays in the appointment and confirmation process. Consequently, we at MLKEDC recommend the confirmation of Mr. Marcoux, because we believe he will always act and treat our organization in a fair and impartial manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben E. Johnson', is written over the typed name.

Ben E. Johnson
President / Chairman
Board of Directors

C: Mr. Jim Owczarski, City Clerk