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To the Honorable Common Council Of the City of Milwaukee Room 205 - City Hall

Re:

Communication from Attorney Mark L. Thomsen

on behalf of Virginia and Dennis Slottke

C.I. File No. 02-L-12, 02-L-12-1

Dear Council Members:

We return the enclosed document which has been filed with the City Clerk and ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation with the following recommendation.

Claimants, Virginia and Dennis Slottke, 2068 South 32nd Street, Milwaukee, WI 53215, allege through their attorney, Mark L. Thomsen, Post Office Box 1750, Brookfield, WI 53008-1750, that on September 23, 2001, she sustained injuries when she tripped and fell on an uneven part of the sidewalk in the 3200 block of West Becher Street.

Our investigation reveals that the Infrastructure Services Division records from September 1, 2000 to September 23, 2001 show no complaints of sidewalk defects in the area where the claimant indicated she fell. Upon notification of a defect the division will send a repair crew to correct a hazard usually within 24 hours. Prior to this complaint, the City had no notice of this defect and because of this lack of notice, the City would not be liable. Accordingly, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

City Attorney

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