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Mr. Michael D'Amato, Chair
Judiciary & Legislation Committee

Mr. Michael Murphy, Chair
Finance & Personnel Committee

City of Milwaukee Common Council
City Hall, Room 205
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Messrs. D'Amato and Murphy:

I am writing to respectfully request a special meeting of your Committees on Tuesday, January 11, 2005 prior to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Common Council. The purpose of the Committee meetings is to allow for timely remission of taxes.

During 2004 the City Assessor eliminated a large proportion of a remission of taxes case backlog. As a result, Contingent Fund appropriations or other means are necessary to finance a shortfall in the 2004 Remission of Taxes special purpose account.

Wisconsin statutes (s. 70.511) provides that claims for tax refunds that are filed on or before November 1 following reduction of property value should be payable no later than January 31 of the succeeding year. In order to comply with state statute, the Common Council needs to approve tax remissions (via the Judiciary & Legislation Committee) and a funding source (via the Finance & Personnel Committee) in January. The scheduled Common Council meeting on January 11 can provide for these actions, if meetings of your Honorable Committees are held prior to that meeting. The requisite actions can be taken within the context of a 5-10 minute Committee meeting.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me at extension 5060 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Nicolini
Budget and Management Director

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