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February 3, 2003

VIA FACSIMILE 286-3456 & HAND DELIVERED

Community Development Committee Members  
City Hall  
200 East Wells St  
Milwaukee, WI 553202

Re: Common Council File # 021466 - continued COMPASS Funding

Dear Committee Members:

I write to respectfully request that you approve the \$263,000 requested for the continued viability of the Milwaukee COMPASS Project.

As you know, the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office currently maintains Community Prosecution Units in both the North and South side of Milwaukee. After my Spring, 2002 appointment to the South Side Community Prosecutor position, I along with several staff members of the Milwaukee Alliance held a series of meetings with the Milwaukee COMPASS Project Team. As a result of these meetings, a detailed community prosecution database was established on the COMPASS web site.

This database, which is currently utilized to monitor and update actions taken with respect to each property, incorporates data gathered from the City of Milwaukee Department of Neighborhood Services, the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department as well as from the Community Prosecution Units. In addition to greatly assisting the Community Prosecution Unit in monitoring problem landlords and their tenants, it is anticipated that this data will greatly assist neighborhood organizations, law enforcement and relevant city agencies in a variety of respects in the coming months and years.

To date, the South side Community Prosecution Unit has entered over 200 nuisance properties in the COMPASS program database. In addition, after a recent meeting, the COMPASS Project Team agreed to make additional revisions to the database to better serve the North and South side Community Prosecution Units. It is anticipated that the North side Community Prosecution Unit will begin entering its data in the next several months.

Community Development Committee Members

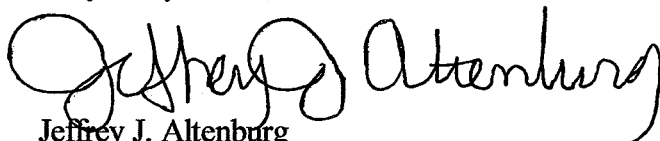
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Clearly, the COMPASS Program serves as crucial component of the Community Prosecution Program and continued funding for this program is critical to its future success.

I regret that a previous engagement does not allow me to appear before you in person. I strongly urge you to continue to financially support the COMPASS Program. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter. I can be reached at 935-7459.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey J. Altenburg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jeffrey J. Altenburg  
Assistant District Attorney