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Re: Filling the File, No. 050299

Dear Ms. Elmer and Mr. Owczarski:

Enclosed is a June 24, 2005 letter that I just received from COA. Will you kindly place this letter in File No. 050299 as well.

Thank you very much. Please call if you questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

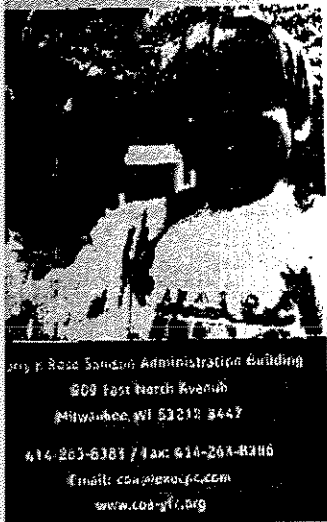
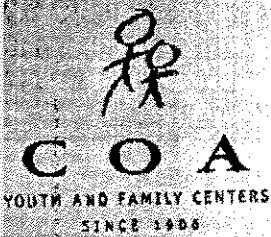

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For all ages *forever.*

Assistant City Attorney Gregg Hagopian
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Re: PAL Resolution - 94218v1

Dear Mr. Hagopian:

As requested, I am writing regarding the bid submitted by COA Youth and Family Centers (COA) and Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) for purchase of the facility at 2320 W. Burleigh St. Milwaukee, WI.

As stated in the bid and as approved by the US Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, the COA bid includes:

- (1) An agreement to maintain, operate, and program this facility as a community youth center. This is directly in line with COA's mission and its 99 year history of serving Milwaukee youth. This also consistent with the State of Wisconsin's deed restriction that the facility be used as a youth center.
- (2) COA and MPS have also reached an agreement that COA will continue to lease specific portions of the facility to MPS for use by the Auer Avenue School.
- (3) COA will assist PAL by providing office space and organizational support to PAL and by allowing PAL to continue to use the facility for its youth athletic leagues.

Please note that COA has served Milwaukee youth since 1906 and currently provide services to over 6,000 children and families including:

- (1) A nationally accredited Childcare Center
- (2) A family and parenting center
- (3) After School and summer youth program at our location at 909 E. Garfield, Kadish and Kilbourn Parks, Washington HS, Riverside University HS, and OW Holmes School. These Programs serve over 3,000 youth including approximately 1,500 teens citywide.
- (4) Overnight camp, for Milwaukee youth at COA's Camp Helen Brachman including summer camp, winter camp, family camps, and Youth leadership Institutes.
- (5) Adults Basic Education and GED tutoring for almost 500 students.

Knowing that COA is a fiscally sound organization with a reputation for quality youth services and programs; and knowing that COA has experienced huge increases in the number of youth and families participating in its programs and that many of these youth and families come from throughout the city and many

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come from the immediate neighborhood of 23rd and Burleigh Street; a "Transition Team" including representatives of the City, State, foundations, and individuals approached COA and asked us to consider the idea of keeping the facility at 2320 W. Burleigh Street from closing and providing much needed youth and family programs.

At the same time the Board of Directors of PAL was doing everything it could to try to find the funds to get out from under its huge debt and also find the revenue to continue to operate the facility. Ultimately the PAL Board concluded that the best option was to file for bankruptcy and sell the facility.

The results are a win-win-win:

- (1) PAL is able to put its financial problems behind and to move forward to provide PAL programming at the facility.
- (2) COA is able to provide its quality programs for youth and families.
- (3) Most of all, the children and families in the neighborhood and throughout the city will have access to quality youth and family programming instead of another closed agency and vacant building.

COA is pleased that we were able to step up and help out, and COA is especially proud of our community - the City of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin, United Way of Greater Milwaukee, Safe and Sound, Milwaukee Public Schools, PAL, and many individuals and foundations have all stepped forward and worked together to find a positive solution for this community.

While the legal issues in bankruptcy court are complex and the problems facing PAL were immense, in the end this community has come together because ultimately it's all about the kids.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Schneider
Executive Director
COA Youth & Family Centers