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CESAR E. CHAVEZ DRIVE ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

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July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1999

Alderman James Witkowiak  
12<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District  
City Hall, Room 205  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI. 53202-3570

Dear Alderman Witkowiak:

In July of 1996, the Cesar E. Chavez Renaming Committee led by the late; Marshall G. Vega submitted a proposal to the City of Milwaukee Common Council. The proposal was accepted changing the name of S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street from W. Pierce Street through W. Mitchell Street to South Cesar E. Chavez Drive.

The late, Cesar Estrada Chavez, was President of the United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO, he founded and led the first successful farm workers union in the United States. Cesar worked tirelessly to make sure that all migrant farm workers in the United States were treated fairly, with dignity and respect. For this reason, he became a leader for Human Rights. It is for that reason that when deciding where we would like Cesar E. Chavez Drive to be located that we decided on renaming S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street. The 16<sup>th</sup> Street viaduct is named for Father James Groppi who also was a leader of Human Rights making many contributions to the City of Milwaukee. It was this committee's vision that Father James Groppi Bridge would lead directly to Cesar E. Chavez Drive and preserve a strong history of mere humans, helping to improve the lives of others not for money, fame, or fortune but because they cared.

On behalf of the Cesar E. Chavez Drive Advancement Committee I respectfully request that an Aldermanic recommendation be made to the City of Milwaukee Common Council. A recommendation that will change the half block section of street still known as So. 16<sup>th</sup> Street (from Fr. James Groppi Bridge to W. Pierce Street) be renamed to So. Cesar E. Chavez Drive to join Fr. James Groppi Bridge to So. Cesar E. Chavez Drive. There are no property owners on that section of the street therefore we believe that your recommendation can make this happen. Please feel free to contact me directly at (414) 389-6332, should you have any question, comments, or for additional information regarding this request. Thank you very much for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Peggy A. West  
Co-Chair, Cesar E. Chavez Drive Advancement Committee