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Alderman Joe Davis
2nd Aldermanic District
Room 205 – City Hall

Re: Resolution “Creating a Task Force to Study the Impacts of
‘Convenient Cash Businesses’ on Milwaukee Neighborhoods”

Dear Alderman Davis:

We have completed our review of the proposed resolution creating a task force to study the impacts of “convenient cash businesses” upon neighborhoods located within the City of Milwaukee, in accordance with your request. We would recommend revisions to the enabling resolution, and are attaching a suggested form of amended resolution for your review. Please contact us if you have any further questions concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,


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enclosure
c: Rudolph M. Konrad, Deputy City Attorney
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041000
..Version
SUBSTITUTE 2
..Reference

..Sponsor
ALD. DAVIS

..Title
Substitute resolution creating a task force to study the impacts of “convenient cash businesses” on Milwaukee neighborhoods.

..Analysis
This resolution creates a 9-member City of Milwaukee “Task Force on the Impacts of Convenient Cash Institutions.” It further directs the Task Force to investigate the impacts of convenient cash businesses on surrounding neighborhoods (including effects on public safety, and community and economic development) and to develop a list of recommended public-policy solutions to any problems it identifies. The Task Force shall submit and present its findings and recommendations to the Common Council within one year of adoption of this resolution, and shall thereafter be dissolved.

..Body
Whereas, In recent years, the city of Milwaukee has witnessed a proliferation of payday loan agencies, check-cashing businesses, and similar “convenient cash” establishments; and

Whereas, Convenient cash businesses, because of the frequency of cash transactions and the amounts of money exchanged, may be attractive to criminals seeking to commit robberies or similar crimes; and

Whereas, Convenient cash businesses may have secondary impacts on the communities in which they are located, including effects on public safety and on neighborhood economic development efforts; and

Whereas, In order to identify and document the community impacts of convenient cash businesses, and to devise any necessary public-policy strategies for addressing those impacts, the Common Council finds that health, safety, and welfare of Milwaukee residents could benefit from the creation of a public task force that is assigned to carry out these duties; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the City of Milwaukee Task Force on the Impacts of Convenient Cash Institutions is created; and be it

Further Resolved, That this Task Force shall consist of 9 members:

1. Two Common Council members (appointed by the Common Council President).
2. A representative of the Mayor’s Office (appointed by the Mayor).

3. The Chief of Police of the Chief's designee.
4. A representative of the Wisconsin Bankers Association (appointed by the Common Council President).
5. A representative of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council (appointed by the Common Council President).
6. A representative of the Legal Aid Society of Wisconsin (appointed by the Common Council President).
7. The Commissioner of City Development or the Commissioner's designee.
8. One citizen at large (appointed by the Common Council President).

; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Common Council President shall designate the chair of the Task Force; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Task Force is directed to investigate the impacts of convenient cash businesses on surrounding neighborhoods, including but not limited to effects on public safety, and community and economic development; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Task Force shall develop a list of recommended public-policy solutions to any issues or problems that it identifies; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Task Force shall submit and present its findings and recommendations to the Common Council within one year of adoption of this resolution, and shall thereafter be dissolved; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Clerk's Office shall provide staff support to the Task Force.

..Requestor

..Drafter

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