January 8, 2009

2101-07 W. North Ave. File No.031550

Ms. Kathleen Marquardt, Staff Assistant Judiciary & Legislation Committee Room 205, City Hall City of Milwaukee

Dear Ms. Marquardt:

Re: File Number 031550 Tax Key No. 350-0891-000-4

The City of Milwaukee's Fond du Lac and North comprehensive Neighborhood Plan identifies the intersection of West North and West Fond du Lac Avenue as a gateway to the community. 2101-07 West North Avenue is on the corner of this key intersection.

Along with several neighborhood partners, the Department will implement the Plan in 2004. Along with façade improvements to the commercial strip, there will be a major housing development to the south and west of the intersection, with more than 150 new housing units.

While there are no outstanding code violations, the property has a record of numerous code violations, and is a blighting influence on the neighborhood. Redeveloping 2101-07 West North Avenue is crucial to the success of the \$25 million project and we, therefore, object to vacating the City's in rem judgment.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ms. Karen Taylor at Extension 5738.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Shelko Manager, Real Estate Services

c: J. Waechter, Tax Enforcement B. Temple, City Attorney's Office

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