



June 29, 2020

City of Milwaukee  
Common Council  
200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI. 53202

Dear Mr. Council President, Council Members, Zoning and Neighborhood Development Chair, and Committee Members,

As the residents of the city of Milwaukee and its representatives embark upon the task of identifying the next Commissioner of the Department of City Development (DCD), I offer my support to Mr. Lafayette Crump. I have been a friend of Mr. Crump for over 15 years, and in that time, I have observed his leadership skills and dedication to our city. He has been a trailblazer who has led with vigor, vision, passion, and fairness. I have zero doubt that as the city's new leader of the DCD, he will employ his understanding of the city's history revolving around issues such as displacement and gentrification, as well as the importance of supporting strong neighborhood developments when making his decisions.

Lafayette is a person that possess the attitude and aptitude to push Milwaukee forward and foster great relationships in the development community. We are at a very crucial intersection in our city's mission to eliminate systematic barriers on every level. Mr. Crump's knowledge of our city and its needs, both development and social, gives him the unique qualities that Milwaukee needs now.

Furthermore, if there ever comes a time where his knowledge and experience doesn't get him to his or the city's intended goals, I am certain that his character and integrity will fill the gap. He is honest and always transparent. Milwaukee will be all the better by having him at the helm of the Department of City Development.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at 414-461-1568, ext. 106, or email me at [khaywood@haywood-group.com](mailto:khaywood@haywood-group.com). Your time and consideration are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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President