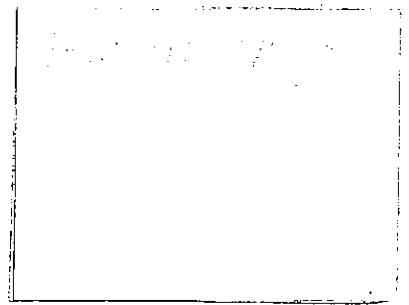




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October 24, 2011

Mr. Steven Mahan
Community Block Grant Director
City Hall
200 East Wells Street, Room 606
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: Disposition of YMCA Neighborhood Improvement Project & Funds

Dear Steven,

The housing and economic needs of the city of Milwaukee are growing. To help and address those needs a new nonprofit was created; one that is completely independent of the Y and whose primary mission is to improve the housing stock and the property values within the city of Milwaukee. This new 501 (c) (3) organization is named Community First.

To that end, the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee is completely supportive of the proposal to use all of the CDBG & HOME funds for the Neighborhood Improvement Project allocated to the Y in 2012 and beyond and to transfer them in total to the Community First organization.

We believe this is a good investment for the city of Milwaukee and an important step forward in making Milwaukee a stronger community.

Sincerely,

Bob Yamachika
President and CEO
YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee

cc: Mike Soika, VP Urban Strategy and Social Responsibility