

September 2, 2006

Dear Alderman Michael Murphy,

I hope you will support the proposal to allow more housing for the poor and homeless. A house is essential for just about everything: security, health, a base to be contacted and to contact for jobs, schooling, and what is necessary to survive and grow.

I have a full time job, and marvel at how much it costs to live: shelter, food, utilities, phone and transportation. How do the poor live? How do they support their families. If this is how it is for me, how is it for them?

I see the homeless & wonder how they survive. How can they take care of health needs? How do they stay warm and dry? How can they find stability and move ahead - or get by. How can they do anything without

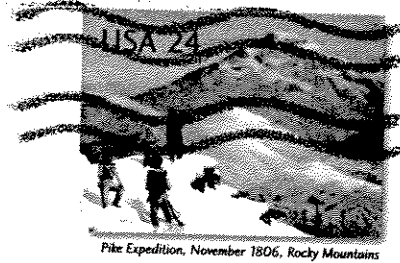
housing? So if a proposal is
made that would provide
more housing for them,
it should be supported.
Please support the Housing
Trust Fund to provide more
housing, and jobs, to those
most in need of help.

Sincerely
Susan Marouk

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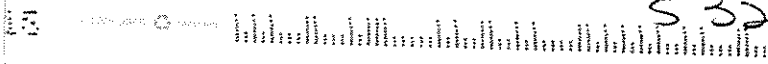
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Pike Expedition, November 1806, Rocky Mountains

Mr. Michael Murphy
City Hall Room 205
200 E. Wells St.
Milwaukee, WI

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Dr. Mr. Murphy -

I urge you to support
the creation of a housing trust
fund in order to provide
much needed assistance to our
poor & disenfranchised community
members. I work in social services
where I see the plight of this
community every day and also how
lack of housing tears families apart
and degrades our whole community.
Sincerely, Joan Wagnitz-Harney

Send them a message now!

- Please use the space below to write to the Common Council
- Tell them in your own words why we need more affordable housing in Milwaukee

Dear Common Council Members:

I am a volunteer serving a monthly meal at the St. Vincent de Paul meal site on the 4th Thursday of each month. I see people who I'm sure need help with every day life, food, health care & a decent place to live. These are basic needs that our government should take care of it. If our

(Please use the reverse side if needed)

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government pays for a war -
there should be money to take
care of our people that need
help to live a decent life.

I'm sure many of the men (and
maybe some women) have served
our country in the armed
forces & deserve "thanks"!

Please support the creation
of a Housing Trust Fund.

Only you and other government
agencies can do this -

Thank you!



Rosalie Manor

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September 22, 2006

Alderman Kevin J. Murphy:
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RE: Housing Trust Fund

Dear Mr. Murphy:

This letter is to request your support in approving the recommendations of the Housing Trust Fund Task Force at the upcoming Zoning and Neighborhood Development Committee meeting, September 25, 2006, as well as at the Common council meeting on September 26, 2006. Due to prior commitments, I am unable to attend the meetings, but I wanted to forward my support, on behalf of our organization, on this critical issue for our Milwaukee families.

Although the issue of affordable housing for many Milwaukee families is not a new issue, it has now become a critical issue, especially for those of us community organizations that serve the families that are in need of stable and affordable housing. Our programs serve young mothers and fathers with young children, who are exhibiting high risk factors or potential child abuse/neglect concerns. A common factor we see in many individual and family circumstances is the lack of safe, stable and affordable housing. This problem exacerbates the risk factors for potential abuse or neglect of young children, as parents have to choose each month whether to allocate their tight income to paying the monthly housing costs or paying for other essentials for their families. Many live in unsafe and unhealthy environments due to poor housing conditions.

In addition, the recent publicity of the mentally ill not having safe, decent housing brings to the forefront the crisis facing many other individuals and families that have long been ignored or forgotten by policy makers and the housing/banking industry.

Establishing an adequately funded Housing Trust Fund would be a logical and thoughtful investment for the City of Milwaukee, by

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creating financial incentives to homeowners that are struggling and improving the rental stock in the area.

As an organization that receives and implements federal grants that come with matching funds requirements, I am well aware of the risks and challenges of the required matching funds that the federal housing grants would pose for the City of Milwaukee. However, the concept of the Housing Trust Fund would provide incentives for the banking and housing industry to come to the table to help in the solution, and through effective marketing and public relations, the City could attract private foundations as well to the table. An appeal to the common sense of these other players could be that safe homes are necessary for safe families, which make for safe neighborhoods, which in turn, has positive economic impacts for the city and businesses.

As has been stated by the Mayor and our County Executive, this will require a shared effort by both municipal units, but will also require the partnership of the housing and banking industry, as the overall impact of poor, unsafe or unaffordable housing goes beyond the city limits.

Please support the Housing Trust Fund Task Force recommendations, for the sake of our families and our communities. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al Castro", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Al Castro, Executive Director

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