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To: Dimitrijevic, Marina

Cc: Borkowski, Mark; Stamper II, Russell

Subject: Request by FLAC/GTLO to have our plan submitted into communication file for PS&H meeting of July 15

Dear Alderwoman Dimitrijevic,

The plan (see below) for lead lateral removal prepared by Freshwater For Life Action Coalition (FLAC) and Get The Lead Out Coalition (GTLO) was sent to most most members of the Commin Council a week or so ago. Our intent was to have this plan placed in the communication file of the July 15 Public Safety and Health Committee to reflect a community plan that addressed lead lateral removal. I'm not sure if you were able to read it.

I'm once again resending this plan to be submitted to the PS&H committee file for July 15. It is specific to lead lateral removal because as demonstrated by the overwhelming discussion centered on lead paint, soil and dust during the PS&H committee meeting there seems to be a disconnect regarding lead service lines poisoning children in Milwaukee.

Given the report by officials of the Health Department, the insufficient date the city has been using to continue its narrative that lead paint, soil and dust is the priority in the Mayor's office, FLAC/GTLO request this plan be included in discussions around lead abatement.

The report by the Health Department officials has proven that FLAC/GTLO presentation at the special hearing of the PS&H on March 22, 2019 was spot on when we challenged the data of the Health Department in 2018-2019. I ask that you review the communication file of that meeting and revisit the maps and information FLAC/GTLO presented on the lead water concerns we have.

Best regards,
Robert Miranda

Toward A Comprehensive Plan To Remove Toxic Lead In Milwaukee

Plan Outline Provided by Freshwater Life Action Coalition and Get The Lead Out Coalition

The City of Milwaukee must pay for removal of all lead laterals, regardless of how the building is owned, who owns it, and where the lead laterals are located. Whereas, we, the undersigned members of Freshwater Life Action Coalition, Get The Lead Out, and community members agree that:

All forms of lead are unsafe. Lead in water, soil, paint, and any other sources need to be removed from our environment.

The City of Milwaukee is dangerously above the national average in terms of lead toxicity: this needs to be treated as a public health crisis.

- We need to reverse the City of Milwaukee Rule 225-3-4 from 11/5/91 which divides lead laterals unnecessarily into a public and private side, even though the City of Milwaukee mandated the use of lead laterals in 1872. The City must pay for removal of all lead laterals, regardless of how the building is owned, who owns it, and where the lead laterals are located.

- Milwaukee cannot count on immediate attention from the Federal or State government. This City must craft a plan that will best prioritize our public health concerns, our communities' livelihood, democratic management of our public goods and services, and commitment to an economy that helps all the people of Milwaukee.

- All Milwaukeeans need and deserve sufficient funding of a comprehensive, strategic plan to remove toxic lead from the City of Milwaukee.

- Funding is available to remove lead from our environment but the City of Milwaukee has elected to place the blame on lead-based paint as the major source of lead toxicity.

- Milwaukee deserves a comprehensive plan to replace lead service lines (LSL) based on collaboratively produced geographic information and spatial data.

- The strategic, comprehensive plan must include a dedicated, transparent, democratic, publicly-funded, public works campaign that targets areas of the City with the highest rates of lead poisoning. This massive public works campaign must be community-led, rooted in economic democracy, and thoroughly committed to public health & safety. This City-wide public works campaign will work to provide living wage jobs, skills training, as well as ameliorating the negative impacts of social ills produced by the current political and economic structure and must:

- Avoid 'disaster capitalism' by developing a comprehensive publicly funded plan, and work closely with union leaders and rank & file plumbers at Department of Public Works (DPW) to formulate a plan that trains up people in economically disadvantaged communities.

- Include a massive 'green jobs' program, promoting a "Green New Deal" that works to rid our City of environmental toxins, as well as ending structural racism which is a public health risk. Environmental justice and racial justice being the cornerstone of any proposed Green New Deal.

- Remediate areas with highest blood lead levels first.

- Prioritize schools and daycare facilities in these areas..

•Ancillary to a massive public works campaign, we envision worker-owned cooperatives to train and hire impacted community members, ex-incarcerated, and other marginalized populations, providing extensive training in lead lateral removal and plumbing in general, trade education, a living union wage and long term job security to help in the lead remediation process and beyond. These worker-owned cooperatives must be embedded in under-served areas that have been economically distressed due to concentrated disinvestment, structural racism, redlining, gentrification, and extraction of wealth by investors/developers who don't live in our communities.

- Develop forums for community democracy, input, consensus building and feedback within the plan to assure City accountability and transparency. Community assemblies, councils and town halls are examples of forums whereby community members can engage and guide on this critical issue. Other criteria needed for initiation and execution of a comprehensive.

- Provide up to 100% subsidy for full replacement of LSLs on residential properties located within the City of Milwaukee based on reasonable economic/poverty thresholds.

- Conduct biannual assessment of City strategic plan performance metrics and benchmark accordingly.

- Develop a forum for community governance, input, consensus building and feedback within the plan to assure City accountability and transparency.
- Thoroughly delineate LSL presence in all residential dwelling units within the city of Milwaukee by address, dwelling type and occupancy. Provide this information readily available to residents, nonprofit groups and other interested organizations at no cost.
- Provide thorough and meaningful notification, education and interim control measures to all of the above dwelling unit occupants. Ensure equity, uniformity and cultural competency in delivering educational messages and related materials.
- Offer annual free water testing and blood lead level testing to all residences and occupants in which LSLs are present. Provide water testing results to property owners, residents and occupants. Observe medical confidentiality per public health protocols for blood lead level tests with consent/release option.
- Prioritize replacement of all LSLs within the City of Milwaukee, with a timeline and budget for non-emergency replacement, in addition to the current emergency-based replacement plan.
- Stratify risk based on high vulnerability populations and individuals. Develop appropriate fiscal and operational performance metrics as well as periodic reporting requirements to the community. Create a plan for integration of lead water testing within existing community lead poisoning prevention programs throughout the community.
- Provide clear legal recourse and guidance for residents related to concerns or complaints associated with City strategic plan and operational implementation.
- Establish clear leadership responsibilities within City government for execution of the City's strategic plan. Leadership must be answerable to the people through assemblies that are established.
- Democratize all functions of local governance to the community through assemblies, town halls etc.

Remove the pipes! Water is life!