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City Clerk,
City Hall - rm 205
200 E. Wells St.,
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: Appeal of “Resolution relating to a Certificate of Appropriateness for replacing a basement window with glass block on the Center Street elevation at 2703 N. Sherman Boulevard [Sherman Park Boulevard Historic District] for Sherman Park Lutheran Church.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please be advised that I represent the Sherman Park Lutheran Church (“SPLC”), and on its behalf I respectfully appeal the above-referenced Resolution, denying a “Certificate of Appropriateness”. I understand that this appeal would be heard at the next Common Council meeting per ordinances. Please confirm the date, time, and location of that hearing. Thank you.

This issue relates to two 3’x 3’ windows at street level (on Center Street) – which were originally ‘iron gated’ as of 2014. They became damaged by an automobile which left the road and hit the church. The Church installed new block windows (*in 2014*) at a cost of \$3,000.00 (approximately). The block glass windows are much more sightly than the predecessor ‘jail windows’ - and offer far better security for the church. Public policy -of preserving local resources in this economically challenged district- certainly supports the Church’s actions and present request for relief. This body should understand that the Sherman Park Lutheran Church is in an econmically precarious situation, where its leaders have been working for years -now decades - to keep its doors open (particularly with the recent, rather sudden closing of its school and preschool).

Very Truly Yours,
/s/ electronically signed by

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