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To the Public Improvements Committee

Dear Honorable Members:


This letter is a reply to a referral and report directive, dated February 7, 2001, from the Public Improvements Committee regarding Common Council File No. 001452. This file proposes an ordinance be adopted changing the name of North 91st Street between West Brown Deer Road and West County Line Road to North Swan Road in the 15th Aldermanic District.

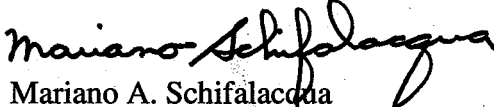
We have the following concerns with changing this segment of North 91st Street to North Swan Road:

- North 91st Street is an arterial north-south street that currently includes approximately 8.4 linear miles of public right-of-way. The current north-south street grid pattern that goes from 1st Street to 124th Street allows one to easily find residential and commercial properties. Replacing North 91st Street with any other street name will adversely impact one's ability to find the location.
- North Swan Road is currently an existing street in the City of Milwaukee. It is a 1 block long street located north of West Hampton Avenue.
- There are currently 199 tax key parcels containing 210 assigned addresses. At least 100 of these tax key parcel owners must agree to this street name change.

Since North Swan Road is already assigned to a City street and the current street name logically locates the properties, we would normally recommend the name of this street remain North 91st Street. However, if the needs and interest of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee is best served through the proposed street name change, we would not be opposed.

Very truly yours,


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