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TO: The Honorable Michael S. D'Amato, Chair
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FROM: Sharon Cook, Director 
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DATE: November 2, 2006

RE: City of Milwaukee's 2007-08 Legislative Package

Attached for your consideration is a proposed 2007-08 Legislative Package for the City of Milwaukee. The proposals have been generated by City Departments, Common Council members and Mayor Barrett and together reflect issues of importance to the City that can be addressed by the Wisconsin State Legislature.

The attachment is divided into three sections: key policy issues, changes to state statutes and state budget initiatives.

The **Key Policy Issues** may seem to be obvious to anyone involved in the finances and governance of the City, but should be reconfirmed by the Common Council as we move forward in the upcoming legislative session.

The **Legislative Proposals** are organized by categories that mirror the Strategic Planning Series prepared by the Budget Office. This is a departure from previous years in that it groups by policy areas rather than the department requesting the legislation. We found that many of the proposals were multi-departmental and categorizing the proposals in that fashion did not appropriately present these issues. In managing the legislative requests in this fashion, it also had the effect of having all appropriate departments review each proposal. I hope you'll find this a more appropriate method for you to make your policy decisions on the legislative requests.

After the Legislature convenes on January 3, 2007, the early months of the session will be dedicated to the Wisconsin State Budget which will be introduced by the Governor in late January. You'll find a section in the attached document that outlines **State Budget Initiatives** or funding sources that we propose to advocate. These are also organized by policy areas.

The Intergovernmental Relations staff looks forward to responding to any questions you have or to provide you a more complete description of these initiatives. In anticipation of the scheduling of the package at the November 6 meeting of the Judiciary and Legislation Committee, we'll seek each of you to review these proposals.

Our Milwaukee Delegation is eager to assist the City in introducing and seeking passage of proposals that will assist City managers or reflect public policy that you support. In fact, several legislators are already preparing for the upcoming session on issues that are carried over from the previous year.

I look forward to your comments regarding the 2007-08 Legislative Package.

cc: Mayor Tom Barrett

Attachments