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May 2, 2016

To the Honorable Common Council  
of the City of Milwaukee  
Room 205 – City Hall

Re C.I. File No. 1048-2014-2009  
Communication from: Omar and Luz Chavez  
1256 South 31<sup>st</sup> Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53215

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution. We ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation, with the following recommendation.

Omar and Luz Chavez allege that on April 18, 2014 there was a water main break in the street in front of their home, which is located at 1256 South 31<sup>st</sup> Street. The break was repaired. Subsequently, the sewer backed up into the basement of their home. Claimed damages total \$16,870.06.

Milwaukee Water Works (MWW) records indicate that on April 18, 2014 their control center received a call from the claimant regarding a leak in the street. The MWW dispatched a utility investigator who confirmed a break in a 6 inch water main at 1256 South 31<sup>st</sup> Street and throttled the main. There were no other calls regarding this leak and it did not appear to be causing a problem. They decided to hold the repair for the following day. The MWW completed the repairs on April 19, 2014. On May 12, 2014 they received a call from the DPW-Sewer Maintenance, regarding a collapsed sewer main due to a main break repair. The distribution supervisor responded and determined that sewer main was likely damaged as a result of previous MWW repair activity on April 19, 2014.



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The claimant has agreed to accept a compromise settlement of \$12,639.59. Because settlement of this matter is deemed expeditious to the City of Milwaukee, we recommend settlement of this claim in the amount of \$12,639.59 and have enclosed an appropriate resolution for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

c: Bernice Flemming (Water Works w/o enc.)  
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