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Grant Langley, City Attorney
City of Milwaukee
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: Fair Housing Law Violations

Dear Mr. Langley:

As a representative of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council (MMFHC), an organization that enforces fair housing laws in the State of Wisconsin, I am writing to express concern over recent actions taken by Alderman Zielinski to thwart rental housing – particularly affordable rental housing – in his district.

Reducing rental and affordable housing supply has a disparate impact on persons of color, families and persons with disabilities; these actions may violate provisions of the Federal Fair Housing Act. Most recently, actions of Alderman Zielinski regarding the pending Dover School project have been brought to our attention and we will continue to monitor this matter. Additionally, we are concerned by the growing pattern of opposition to affordable rental housing in his district - we wrote a very similar letter to you in 2009 regarding Alderman Zielinski's opposition to the affordable rental housing proposal for the Hide House redevelopment.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kori A. Schneider-Peragine".

Kori Schneider-Peragine
Senior Administrator, Inclusive Communities Program

Cc: Alderman Zielinski
Alderman Bauman
Alderman Bohl
Alderman Kovac
Alderman Perez
Alderman Wade
Rocky Marcoux