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Ald. Jim Witkowiak, Chairman  
Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee  
Milwaukee Common Council  
City Hall, Room 205

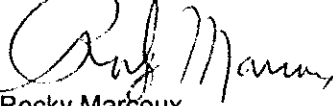
Dear Ald. Witkowiak:

This letter provides the Department of City Development's comments regarding Common Council file #111503, a resolution directing the Department to disclose all written communications and documents regarding our negotiations with the Kohl's Corporation as it considered relocating its corporate headquarters.

I am in complete agreement with the concept of sharing this information with Council members. Presently, the Department of City Development is assembling the material, which runs for more than two thousand pages.

Once the documents are assembled, it is my recommendation that they be shared in private meetings with Council members, or during a closed session of the Steering and Rules Committee. It is important that our City send a strong message to prospective employers that their requests for confidentiality about negotiations will be respected to the extent allowed by law, regardless of the outcome of such negotiations.

We would ask that this resolution be placed on file, and that we work with the chair of the Steering and Rules Committee to schedule a closed briefing at such time that documents regarding the Kohl's negotiations are organized. I would urge other members of the Council who desire a private briefing to contact my office.

Sincerely,  
  
Rocky Marcoux  
Commissioner

C: Members of the Zoning Neighborhoods and Development Committee  
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