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

Re:

Communication from Aruna Gupta. On behalf of A & L Enterprises

C.I. File No. 05-1-5

Dear Council Members:

We return the enclosed document which has been filed with the City Clerk and ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation with the following recommendation.

Claimant, A & L Enterprises, alleges through Aruna Gupta, that on the assessment of the property located 205 West Vogel Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53207 is excessive and filed a claim for excessive assessment pursuant to Wis. Stat. §74.37.

Our investigation reveals that the Assessor assessed the fair market value of the property by using the comparable sales and market income approach as provided for and pursuant to Wis. Stat. §70.32. On May 17, 2004, the claimant timely filed an objection to the real estate assessment with the Board of Review. The Board of Review, after hearing testimony and claimant's objections, determined that the Assessor's valuation is correct and found that the assessment is reasonable in light of all the relevant evidence, and sustained the assessment of the Assessor.

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Because the claimant could not show that the assessment was not determined consistent with the requirement of Wis. Stat §70.32, we, therefore, recommend that this claim be denied. The claimant may then seek judicial review of the Tax Assessor's and the Board's determinations.

Very truly yours,

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