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

Re: Communication from LEOPOLDO GONZALEZ
C.I. File No. 1029-2025-540

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.

Leopoldo Gonzalez alleges that shortly after the city Sewer main repairs were completed near his property at 1605 S. Muskego Avenue, he experienced issues with flooding from sewer water back up in his storm drain. Mr. Gonzalez hired a private plumber for repairs, and submitted a damage claim in the amount of \$21,000.

We completed our investigation with DPW Sewer Maintenance. Our investigation determined that DPW Sewer Maintenance confirmed on January 23, 2025, the collapsed sanitary sewer was due to prior repair work completed on November 7, 2024. Final street restoration repairs followed completion of the initial sidewalk repairs by the private plumber.

It is our view the City is liable for damages and we recommend the claim be approved for payment.

Very truly yours,

A blue ink signature of Evan C. Goyke, written in a cursive style.

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