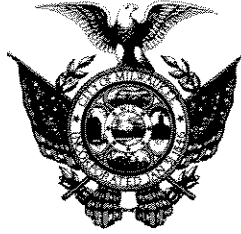


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ROBERT J. BAUMAN

ALDERMAN, 4TH DISTRICT

September 1, 2005

Mr. Jeffrey Mantes
Commissioner
Department of Public Works
841 N. Broadway St.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

RE: City Hall Reconstruction

Dear Mr. Mantes:

Several concerns have arisen regarding the City Hall reconstruction. The first issue relates to the drilling of hundreds of holes into the sandstone and brick façade of the building to anchor the scaffolding. Several architects and experts in historic restoration tell me that this is not a desirable practice and that patching will not be effective to hide the blemish. I wonder why a test patch was not done before hundreds of holes were drilled.

The second issue relates to the "sample section" of terra cotta that was chemically cleaned. I am told that that the chemical cleaning "burned" the material thereby causing damage. I hope this is not an example of how the reconditioned and new terra cotta will look upon completion.

Third, your office has bypassed the Historic Preservation Commission's City Hall Reconstruction Sub Committee despite your office's agreement to involve the subcommittee at every stage of the work. This subcommittee wants to be actively involved in the supervision of this job.

Fourth, concerns have been raised that City Hall is at risk of losing its landmark status because of the quality and methodology of work on this project.

I would like you to appear at the September 14, 2005 regular meeting of the Public Improvements Committee to address these and other issues related to the City Hall Reconstruction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert J. Bauman'.

Robert J. Bauman
Alderman, 4th District