

July 14, 2011

To the Community and Economic Development Committee
Chairman Joe Davis, Sr., Vice-Chairman Tony Zielinski and
Alderman James Witkowiak, Alderman Willie Wade and
Alderman Terry Witkowski

Re: SAFE and SOUND Community Partners Program and
the Midtown Lynden Hill Neighborhood
North 20th - 27th Street, State to Vliet

Gentlemen,

My name is Rosann Mathias. I live at 1138 North 21st Street. Twenty-First Street has been my Family's home since 1969. For the past year and a half, I have volunteered as the Midtown Lynden Hill Block Club president. Our block club has many active, fearless homeowner and tenant families that work hard every day to insure that our neighborhood is stable, safe and secure.

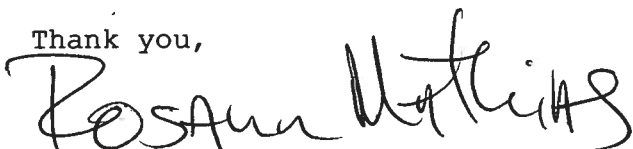
I am recommending the SAFE AND SOUND Community Partners Program to you. I am asking that you fund SAFE and SOUND Community Partners for the maximum amount of Community Block Grant money that you have available.

As neighbors, we don't need block grant money to build and manage a neighborhood association, we don't need to write bylaws, hire staff, maintain office space or remodel houses.

As neighbors, we need SAFE and SOUND Community Partners to organize meetings and neighborhood walks. We need SAFE and SOUND Community Partners to provide printed, informational leaflets for every door at least once a month. We need SAFE and SOUND Community Partners to guide us when we work with city government to resolve issues with irresponsible property owners and their problem tenants. We need the professional expertise and the training that SAFE and SOUND Community Partners brings to us. We need the non-profit, charitable and religious resources that SAFE and SOUND Community Partners directs and channels to improve our neighborhood.

Please help us, help ourselves. Our neighborhood is better because of SAFE and SOUND Community Partners. Because of our neighborhood, the Community Block Grant area is stronger. A vibrant central city benefits all of Milwaukee. SAFE and SOUND Community Partners is essential to quality city neighborhoods.

Thank you,



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