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Ms. Julietta Henry
Executive Director
Election Commission
City Hall, Room 501

Dear Ms. Henry:

With the 2002 fall election fast approaching, I and the other members of the Judiciary and Legislation Committee would like to take some time to review with you the Election Commission's preparations for what promises to be a busy November 5. As I'm sure you recall, last year's fall election was unfortunately marred by understaffing at some polling places, long lines and a generally unacceptable level of public inconvenience. Since that time, I know members of the Common Council have approached your office with suggestions including the hiring of additional staff, possibly to function on a "swing shift" basis; increasing the pay of poll workers; and possibly permitting municipal employees who work at the polls to take the day off with pay. I would respectfully request that your office prepare a report as to your plans for preventing problems like those experienced last fall so that I may schedule your appearance before the Judiciary and Legislation Committee in the near future to discuss its contents. Fair and efficient elections should be the primary concern of each and every elected official in the City of Milwaukee.

Your prompt attention to this matter is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ald. Michael S. D'Amato
Chair, Judiciary and Legislation Committee

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