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September 1, 2016

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

Re: C.I. File No. 1068-2016-1348  
Communication from: Shaqura Davis  
5439 North 61<sup>st</sup> Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53218

Dear Council Members:

Shaqura Davis alleges that on June 15, 2016 a City tree blocked a stop sign at North 24<sup>th</sup> Street and West Lloyd Street, contributing to a motor vehicle accident at that intersection. Claimed damages total \$6,000.00.

Forestry Section records indicate that on June 15, 2016 they received a request from the Milwaukee Police Department to trim branches on the tree located in front of 2103 North 34<sup>th</sup> Street. The trimmed branches had obstructed the stop sign at that location.

Forestry reviewed their records for the last six years at this location for tree-related issues and found no other complaints or requests for service. The trees in this area are on a regular pruning schedule and were last pruned in January 2010. This tree was planted in spring 2010.

The Infrastructure Services Division reviewed their records and those of the DPW Call Center for the period of several weeks before this loss and found that they did not receive any complaints regarding the stop sign at this intersection.



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There is no evidence that the City was negligent in this matter. As such, the City would not be liable. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

c: Randy Krouse (Forestry)  
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