

September 15, 2015 Comments for the Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee hearing on Agenda item #1, File No. 150383.

Mr. Chairman and Committee members,

My name is James Ito. I reside at 3302 N. Bremen Street, in the 3 rd Aldermanic District. I pay taxes to the City of Milwaukee and as such ask this committee and the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee to impose a stipulation in the Development Agreement contained in this file to require that 40% of worker hours required for the construction of the infrastructure and buildings be performed by City of Milwaukee residents. This stipulation may limit the amount of project infrastructure costs equal to the funding provided by the Tax Incremental District No. 84. This stipulation needs to be verified by the construction contractor by providing records of all the employee wages paid. I suggest that the verification be accomplished by a voluntary citizens committee of 5 members appointed by and reports approved by Alderman Robert Bauman and Alderwoman Milele Coggs whose districts are involved in this Tax Incremental District No. 84.

Since the City of Milwaukee taxes make possible this Tax Incremental District I believe that it is reasonable to make this stipulation for the benefit of these tax payers. I believe that the Contractors for these projects would not have their offices and associated properties for construction equipment located in the City of Milwaukee and therefore I believe that it is likely that the workers employed are also not residents of the City of Milwaukee. I believe that the City of Milwaukee taxes contributed need to provide some way to benefit its residents. I believe we residents are taxed so that we can benefit from their payment.

Thank you.