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To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 010525

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 010525, which formally grants a special privilege to Milwaukee City Center d/b/a the Hilton Milwaukee City Center for the encroachment of several items into the public right-of-way for the building at 509 West Wisconsin Avenue. These items include raised planters, moveable planters, benches, trash receptacles, lights, tree grates, and excess door swings.

The request is to keep, use, and maintain 20 planters, 2 benches, 2 ash cans, and 2 doors on North 5th Street; 2 tree grates on North 6th Street; and 2 raised in-ground planters with concrete curbing, 13 planters, and 2 doors on West Wisconsin Avenue. However, site visits revealed the presence of 17 moveable planters, 1 raised, in-ground planter with concrete curbing, 4 benches, 3 excess door swing encroachments and 1 trash receptacle in the public right-of-way of North 5th Street; 5 tree grates in the public right-of-way of West Michigan Street; 7 tree grates, 4 light fixtures, 2 moveable planters and 1 trash receptacle in the public right-of-way of North 6th Street; and 2 raised, in-ground planters with concrete curbing, 2 excess door swing encroachments and 4 moveable planters in the public right-of-way of West Wisconsin Avenue. Dimensions and locations were confirmed during the aforementioned site visits and are recorded in the attached resolution.

These items do not obstruct the pedestrian clear path. With the current placement of these items, at minimum, a 10-foot wide pedestrian clear path is maintained in the 16-foot 6-inch wide, south sidewalk area of West Wisconsin Avenue, while, at minimum, a 6-foot wide pedestrian clear path is maintained in the 15-foot wide, west sidewalk area of North 5th Street; the 12-foot wide, east sidewalk area of North 6th Street; and the 12-foot wide north sidewalk area of West Michigan Street.

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We are not aware that the presence of said items within the public right-of-way has had or will have any adverse effects on the use of the public right-of-way. We have, therefore, prepared the attached resolution, which, if adopted, will grant a special privilege for 3 raised, in-ground planters with concrete curbing, 23 moveable planters, 4 benches, 2 trash receptacles, 12 tree grates, 4 lights, and 5 excess door swings.

Very truly yours,

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