

July 15, 2011

Alderman Joe Davis Sr., Chair
Community and Economic Development Committee
Milwaukee Common Council
City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.
Milwaukee WI 53202

Dear Alderman Davis:

This is to put the Wisconsin Labor History Society on record as supporting the Resolution of Ald. James Bohl to implement the recommendations of the City Hall Historical Exhibit Work Group to create exhibits and a museum to commemorate the construction of Milwaukee's magnificent City Hall.

The construction of the building required the skills, strength and courage of Milwaukee workers in creating a building that was the tallest inhabited building in the world for five years. It called for putting in place huge stone and concrete building materials and decorations, a truly Herculean task for the period. We feel the proposed museum and exhibits should properly record the feats of Milwaukee workers.

The building furthermore symbolizes the heritage of Milwaukee in creating a structure that honors the government of the City. The City recently spent millions to assure the building would live for years to come, and it's appropriate that such a museum and exhibit be developed to draw our citizens, our school children and tourists to the building.

The Society stands ready to assist in providing information and materials for the exhibit and to participate future efforts to provide resources for the Museum.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Steve Cupery, President
Members of WLHS Board