



July 6, 2016

Milwaukee Common Council Members
City Hall
200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: Proposed 1550 N. Prospect Avenue Development

Dear Milwaukee Common Council Members,

Please be advised the Thomas A. Mason Co., Inc. is in support of the proposed development of the 1550 North Prospect Avenue project. This project will afford our family owned firm the opportunity to bid on both painting and flooring. Thomas A. Mason Co., Inc. has worked with Stevens Construction on other projects including the painting of their new offices in Milwaukee. We have several projects currently in progress with employees who reside in the City of Milwaukee. Many of these employees are RPP workers and should the 1550 North Prospect project proceed we will have the chance to continue the natural progression of their careers at our company. Also, we believe the development will be completed with great care for the historic Goll Mansion, and respect for neighboring properties.

A development of this scope means jobs – specifically, jobs that our workers and many other city residents will benefit from. Not only will it result in jobs, it will also bring millions of dollars in new tax base to the city that will support the City of Milwaukee's ability to fund much needed services.

Thomas A. Mason Co., Inc. knows firsthand the impact a development like this can have on a community, and we have been privileged to work alongside Stevens Construction. Should this project move forward, Stevens Construction has committed to 20% RPP and SBE. Thomas A. Mason Co., Inc. will commit to 40% RPP hours or greater on this project. We have had huge success in the RPP programs in the past to include the Restoration of City Hall in Milwaukee, where we logged in 10,000 hours of labor and over 40% of those hours were RPP workers. Currently Thomas A. Mason Co., Inc. is working on the Northwestern Mutual Insurance High Rise building and are averaging over 50% RPP. Many of those workers will become available for the 1550 North Prospect project.

On behalf of our 75 plus union employees, we ask for your continued support for this development, support for job creation and economic development in Milwaukee.

Sincerely,

THOMAS A. MASON CO., INC.

Thomas A. Mason

Chief Executive Officer

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Milwaukee Common Council
Ald. James Bohl, ZND Chair

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