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<u>VIA E-MAIL</u>

James N. Witkowiak, Chair Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee of the Common Council Room 205 – City Hall

Re:

Port Redevelopment Plan

Common Council File No. 100548

Dear Alderman Witkowiak:

Earlier this month this office requested additional time to accommodate further review of the Port Redevelopment Plan by both the Port Director and this office. This Plan, unlike other redevelopment plans, is unique because it involves the intersection of the respective powers and jurisdictions of the Common Council, Board of Harbor Commissioners, and Redevelopment Authority. The Plan area also includes formerly submerged lakebed lands, which adds another layer of legal issues that must be carefully considered in the context of land use related actions.

Following consultation with the Port Director and our office, the Department of City Development incorporated several Plan revisions to address both the legal concerns of this office and operational concerns of the Port Director. That having been done, this office finds no legal impediment to the adoption of this Port Redevelopment Plan at this time.

Your consideration in this matter has been appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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