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To the Honorable Michael J. Murphy, Chair Committee on Finance & Personnel Common Council-City Clerk City Hall Room 205

## Dear Alderman Murphy:

I am writing in regard to a request from the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to amend a service contract with Ragir Consulting for language transcription and interpretation services for various MHD programs. These services are funded by a combination of operating and grant funds such as WIC (Women, Infants, and Children), Public Health Emergency Response, and the Refugee Health Screening grant.

This contract amendment requires approval by the Finance & Personnel Committee because it meets the criteria set forth in Common Council File No. 090352 – A substitute charter ordinance relating to review and approval of single and sole contract amendments that was recently adopted in October of 2009. The charter ordinance requires Finance & Personnel Committee approval of existing single or sole source contract amendments when the original amount of the contract added to the amended amount of the contract, is \$50,000 or greater.

Attached to this letter, is a document that includes additional background information regarding this contract amendment request.

I look forward to addressing any additional questions and/or concerns that you might have.

Sincerely,

Rhonda U. Kelsey

City Purchasing Director

c: Alderman Bob Bauman, Vice Chair
 Alderman Joe A. Dudzik
 Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs.
 Alderman Nik Kovac
 Bevan Baker, Health Commissioner
 Raquel Filmanowicz, Health Oper. Administrator