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To the Honorable Members of the Community and Economic Development Committee City of Milwaukee

Dear Committee Members:

On September 15, 2013, the City Plan Commission held a public hearing regarding a petition to the City of Milwaukee to create the Neighborhood Improvement District No. 4, Sherman Park, and approving its first year Operating Plan, in the 7th and 15th Aldermanic Districts. The district would generally be bounded by North 51<sup>st</sup> Street to the west, North 38<sup>th</sup> Street to the east, West Burleigh Street to the north and West Meinecke Avenue to the south.

Section 66.1110 of the State statutes allows owners of real property, at least some of which is used for residential purposes, within the districts to develop, manage and promote the district, and to establish an assessment method to fund these activities.

NID No. 5 would be used to provide assistance to homeowners and fund community improvement projects in order to eliminate blight, stabilize the housing stock, and otherwise enhance the Sherman Park neighborhood.

At the September 16, 2013 public hearing, several residents spoke, with the majority in support and some in opposition to the proposed NID. Those in support stated that this NID would give neighborhood residents an opportunity to improve their neighborhood and quality of life, and allow for needed home improvements. Those opposed stated that this would create a financial hardship for them, as some were on a fixed income.

The City Plan Commission recommended approval of the establishment of NID No. 4, and its first year operating plan.

Sincerely,

## Rocky Marcoux Executive Secretary City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

cc: Ald. Hines Ald. Wade R. Manuel

