



Department of City Development

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Deputy Commissioner

July 5, 2001

Members of the Common Council
City Clerk's Office
City Hall
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Dear Members of the Common Council:

The Departments of City Development and Neighborhood Services have been working over the past several months on a joint Housing Plan. That effort was initiated as DCD was preparing its Strategic Plan for the year 2001 and it became obvious that the two Departments needed to collaborate on a strategic housing development plan for the city.

We want to stress that we consider this to be a work in progress and that we are soliciting your feedback and input. After we are satisfied that Council Members are satisfied, we will begin the process of engaging our housing partners throughout the city. Right now, however, is your opportunity to join with us in the crafting of this Housing Plan for the City of Milwaukee. We welcome the opportunity to discuss the attached with you in the venue of your choice. Whether it is via email, phone calls, "one-on-one" meetings, presentations to standing committee's of the Council, or whatever works, we are ready to obtain feedback from you on this very important policy document.

The attached document, entitled DCD/DNS Housing Plan, includes our joint Housing goal statement and related strategies, various housing policy papers, a portion of the City's Strategic Plan, and the most recent Relative Residential Status (RRS) analysis. As you review the attached, you may have questions. Please feel free to contact either of us in that regard. Similarly, if you would like us to arrange a presentation or discussion of these materials, you may contact either of us to get that set up.

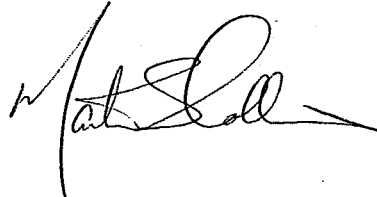
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We look forward to working with the Members of the Common Council on this very important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Julie A. Penman
Commissioner
Department of City Development



Marty G. Collins
Commissioner
Department of Neighborhood Services

Attachment

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