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

Dear Committee Members:

File No. 160663 relates to the establishment of a Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) No. 8 (Walker's Point) and approving its Initial Operating Plan, in the 12th Aldermanic District.

Section 66.1110 of the Wisconsin 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.

The City Plan Commission held a public hearing regarding this item at its September 19, 2016 meeting. At that time, both residential and commercial property owners within the proposed NID District attended the meeting to hear about the proposal to establish the NID. Attendees spoke both in support of, and in opposition to the creation of the NID. Those in favor stated that this NID will provide a vehicle to allow the neighborhood to create a vision and guide its future. Those opposed were concerned that residents were not actively involved in the creation of the NID, and that residents' concerns and priorities will not be incorporated into the operating plan. At that meeting, the City Plan Commission recommended to hold the item for one cycle to provide time for the residents to meet with the proponents of the NID. A second public hearing was held at the October 17, 2016 City Plan Commission meeting. At that meeting, the proponents of the NID presented updates to the commission that demonstrated substantial additional neighborhood outreach that was done since the last meeting. Three people spoke in support of the creation of the NID, two of whom were previously undecided. They stated that the additional outreach was effective, but they hope that the NID will operate in accordance with the agreements that were made with the residents. Ald. Perez spoke in support of the creation of the NID, stating that this will be positive for the neighborhood. At its October 17th meeting, the City Plan Commission recommended approval of the establishment of NID No. 8 and its 2017 operating plan.

Sincerely,

Rocky Marcoux
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

cc: Ald. Perez

