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September 11, 2017

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Milwaukee Room 205 – City Hall

Re:

C.I. File No. 1029-2017-1646

Communication from: Deutch Law Offices, S.C.

7670 North Port Washington Road, Suite 200

Fox Point, WI 53217 on behalf of

George Collura

18500 Brookfield Lake Drive, Unit 70

Brookfield, WI 53045-6176

Dear Council Members:

Deutch Law Offices, S.C. alleges that on May 21, 2017 their client sustained injuries when he tripped and fell on an uneven sidewalk in the 1600 block of North Cass Street. Claimed damages total \$50,000.00.

Wisconsin municipalities have discretionary immunity from liability for any damage that is due to a defect in a sidewalk or street. Under discretionary immunity, the City is generally not liable for damages.

City records indicated that prior to May 21, 2017 the City had no notice of this hazard in the sidewalk. Because of this lack of notice, and the City's discretionary immunity,



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the City is not liable for the damage. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

c: Samir Amin (Infrastructure)

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