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To: Mayor Tom Barrett; Hamilton, Ashanti; Johnson, Cavalier; Kovac, Nik; Stamper II, Russell; Bauman, Robert;

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Subject: PLEASE VOTE NO on slaughterhouse Date: Monday, October 14, 2019 3:03:34 PM

Dear Mayor Barrett and Members of Common Council:

I implore you to VOTE NO on the Strauss Brand slaughterhouse for Century City Business Park on West Capital Drive. I provide several reasons below with links to sources:

1. The slaughterhouse would be a public hazard for residents of the Century City neighborhood. Would the city council even *consider* this slaughterhouse if it was proposed in <u>your</u> neighborhood??

Research indicates a direct link between slaughterhouses and violent crime. For more information on this correlation please

visit http://www.animalstudies.msu.edu/Slaughterhouses and Increased Crime Rates.pdf.

- 2. <u>US meat workers</u> are three times more likely to suffer serious injury than the average American worker. Amputations, fractured fingers, second-degree burns and head trauma are among these serious injuries, according to data seen by <u>the Guardian</u> and the Bureau of Investigative Journalism. Additionally, workers suffer high rates of PTSD, substance abuse and domestic violence: https://scholar.colorado.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2157&context=honr_theses
- 3. Animals are treated like trash, literally. Live animals are often thrown into dumpsters. Their deaths are not quick and painless; instead there is often long and drawn-out misery for days leading up to their violent, terrifying end.
- 4. Blood, feces and feathers are plastered all over the walls posing a serious public safety and health threat by exposing workers and communities to foodborne illness outbreaks and increased rodent infestation problems.

Jobs are not just jobs. Slaughterhouse work is among the most exploitive, dangerous and relatively low paid work in the market. Century City would be better served by ANY OTHER BUSINESS-Including incubators to support small, local businesses which better serve residents in the long run.

Moreover, a slaughterhouse is nothing but the perpetuation of death and violence. People can find a different job; animals can't find a different life.

PLEASE VOTE NO on the planned Strauss Brand slaughterhouse for Century City Business Park on West Capital Drive. Milwaukee CAN DO BETTER THAN THIS.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I appreciate a follow-up to this extremely urgent and dire situation.

Sincerely,

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