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April 12, 2010

Honorable Common Council City of Milwaukee

At today's meeting of the Special Joint Committee on the Redevelopment of Abandoned and Foreclosed Homes, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Common Council support adoption of file 091517, a substitute resolution related to procedures for initiating in rem procedures.

This Committee has been meeting for over a year to address problems relating to foreclosed homes and feels that this resolution will be a valuable tool to allow the city to foreclosure on tax-delinquent properties in a quicker fashion. With the ability to foreclose sooner, the city hopes to foreclose on properties that are in better shape and have a higher value, while at the same time reducing the blighting impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

I ask that all Council members support adoption of file 091517, which will be taken out of the Judiciary and Legislation Committee meeting for consideration at tomorrow's Council meeting.

Sincerely.

Ald. Robert Bauman, Chair

Special Joint Committee on the Redevelopment

of Abandoned and Foreclosed Homes