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Public Works Committee Alderman Robert Bauman, Chair Alderman Joe Dudzik, Vice-Chair Alderman Willie Wade Alderman Robert Donovan Alderman Robert Puente 200 East Wells Street Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Chairman Bauman and Committee Members.

I am writing on behalf of the Municipal Court in response to your May 6, 2010 news release concerning proposed capital improvements to the building that houses the MPD administrative offices and the Municipal Court. To be perfectly frank, the Court understands many of the problems present in our building but was surprised to learn that MPD has developed a proposal for building improvements and renovations. The Court has not been consulted or briefed by MPD on this project. We believe that the problems present in this building (and there are many) ought to be addressed in a comprehensive fashion and not be limited to particular parts of this structure. Issues such as HVAC deficiencies, asbestos abatement, plumbing problems, and electrical issues are present in all areas of the building and should be addressed in a comprehensive fashion.

Clearly, any changes to this building have the potential for significant impact on Municipal Court operations as well as the operations of the City Attorney, Justice2000 and the Violations Bureau. Therefore, we request that MPD be directed to involve the Court and others, as appropriate, in any future discussions of this project and that we be provided with representation on a Police Administration Building Task Force, should one be created.

Thank you for your attention to the Court's involvement in decisions relating to this project.

Sincerely

Presiding Judge

CC:

Judge Phil Chavez Judge Valarie Hill

Chief Court Administrator Kristine Hinrichs