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TO: Common Council

FROM: Stuart Levitan, Chair,
Community Development Authority

SUBJECT: 2008 CDA ANNUAL WORK PLAN

Dear Alders:

Pursuant to the 2008 Budget, attached please find the adopted 2008 CDA Work Plan. I apologize for our failure to provide a 2007 Work Plan in a timely manner, and trust you will find this submission to meet your February 1 deadline. A hard copy will be provided at your next meeting.

Given recent developments, I know you are aware of our activities in the Allied Drive neighborhood and on South Park Street, along with our role as the Public Housing Agency. We very much appreciate, of course, your support for our initiatives in these areas. But I think you will see from the Work Plan that our involvement in all manner of neighborhood and community development is even more extensive and far-reaching than that, ranging from issuing \$185 million in tax-exempt redevelopment bonds for the Wisconsin Institute for Discovery / Morgridge Institute for Research to implementing a Section 8 Homeownership Program.

I am aware that you may have questions concerning the exact nature of the relationship between the City and the CDA, particularly as it relates to budgetary and jurisdictional matters. Given the critical need for us to work together to accomplish our shared goals, it is very important that we respond to your questions and concerns. Toward that end, I would be happy to schedule a joint meeting of the CDA and the Board of Estimates, or any other body the Council feels appropriate. Until such meeting, please feel free to contact me, Mark Olinger or any other commissioner with any questions or comments concerning the activities and operations of your Community Development Authority.