CITY OF MADISON INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL **CORRESPONDENCE**

DATE: April 2, 2012

TO:

Kevin Firchow, Planning Department

FROM:

Captain Joe Balles

SUBJECT: Proposed Demolition Permit for 911 Midland Street

Recently I was contacted by Mr. Michael Heifetz from Dean Clinic and SSM Health Care. Mr. Heifetz advised me how Dean-St Mary's had purchased a home at 911 Midland Street approximately one year ago, and was now seeking a demolition permit for the property given the poor shape of the structure. I am contacting you to indicate my support for a permit to remove this structure. The structure is in need of a tremendous amount of work and significantly contributes to the overall "blight" of this particular neighborhood. While some nearby homes are in good shape, there are others in this immediate area which are also showing their age and in need of significant maintenance. This small neighborhood in the 900 block of Midland Street has also been an increasing concern for South District police officers over the past few years as properties in this area continue to move from owner occupied homes to rental properties.

Please feel free to contact me by phone at 267 8687 or e-mail at jballes@cityofmadison.com should you need additional information from the South Police District.

Respectfully,

Captain Joseph Balles

South Police District

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Mr. Michael Heifetz, VP for Government Affairs CC:

(Dean Clinic @ SSM Health Care of WI)

District 13 Alder Sue Ellingson

Lieutenant Dave Jugovich, South Police District