



**Willie L. Hines, Jr.**  
*City of Milwaukee Common Council*

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Office of the City Attorney  
200 E. Wells Street  
800 City Hall  
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3653

Dear Mr. Langley:

The plague of prostitution and all of its damaging after effects continues to negatively affect many neighborhoods in our community on a daily basis. The collateral damage it brings to residents and their quality of life is enormous, and the prostitution epidemic we are experiencing drains city resources and turns entire areas into economic dead zones and places where criminals feel welcome to set up shop.

The Community Prosecution Unit (CPU), in conjunction with other city departments, has done a tremendous job with focusing efforts on the arrest and conviction of prostitutes. The CPU has made treatment, housing and continuing education a part of the program, which I commend. However, I believe strongly that it is a failed policy to focus only on prostitutes; we must also seek harsher penalties for those "Johns" who patronize prostitutes.

It is my goal to establish "anti-john zones" in areas where the city has made strides in helping to develop and nurture neighborhoods and commercial corridors. Specifically, I want to explore stiffer penalties that are not limited to, but could possibly include, the confiscation of vehicles and increased fines. These penalties would be associated with designated "hot spots" or areas with higher rates of prostitution nuisance activities.

I am asking your office to investigate and determine how we may design and implement these "anti-john zones." If you have any questions regarding my intent and/or expectations, do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. L. Hines, Jr.' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Willie L. Hines, Jr.  
Alderman, 15th District  
President, Common Council