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# **A Bold Plan to Address the Crisis**

## **Statement of Alderman Joe Davis, Sr.**

**July 10, 2015**

On Monday at the Community and Economic Development Committee meeting, I plan to take a consistent position to allocate federal funding back into the community in order to address the ongoing crisis of poverty and violence here in the City of Milwaukee. The plan to reallocate CDBG funding from city services has been a longtime request of mine to the Barrett administration. The surge of violence here in Milwaukee is unacceptable, and we have allowed it to get out of control. My proposal takes a bold approach to fund our solid community partners who have given it their all every year with the same, or worse yet, reduced funding.

My initiative will increase funding to our Neighborhood Strategic Planning organizers by \$10,000 each so that they can fight the increase in violence head-on, using city resources to augment their street smarts. This proposal will also include an additional \$15,000 to each NSP coordinating agency for outreach and organization of solid, active block watches and neighborhood associations. These organizers, such as the Southside Organizing Committee and Sherman Park Community Association, have put their lives on the line, and it's about time we include them in this critical objective of identifying the threats in their areas.

In addition to funding organizers' positions, I propose to increase funding to Safe & Sound to neutralize the idiotic behavior that is on the increase, including this uncontrollable gun violence. Safe & Sound's reputation of mobilization is the missing link to fighting the illegal drug-dealing issues that are plaguing Milwaukee's streets and destroying children's families. This partnership must be expanded due to the crisis that is before us.

And then finally, I propose to offer funds directly to the Milwaukee Economic Development Corporation—without issuing a request for proposals—through our Special Economic Development category, to concentrate on blighted retail corridors and abandoned businesses. Their charge would be to put together a citizens' panel that would oversee the resources' allocation. Criteria would be used to address the Business Improvement Districts' needs by recruiting new, or existing, businesses back into the area. Certain uses and businesses would be prohibited.

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This is the type of bold action needed to address the out-of-control homicide crisis we are experiencing. Let's not deny that inaction has put us in this place, and let's not play politics with our citizens' neighborhoods.

I've been asking Mayor Barrett for a plan. The best he's offered is an initiative to steer \$2 million to the Police Department. Now I'm stepping forward to offer my own plan, because it's time to give the citizen soldiers a chance.

- SIMPLE AMENDMENT  
 SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT  
 PROCEDURAL MOTION

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**AMENDMENT BY ALD. DAVIS**

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TO FILE NO. 150324

VERSION: SUBSTITUTE 1

TITLE: Substitute resolution relative to the establishment of the Year 2016 Funding Allocation Plan.

ITEM NUMBER: 9

COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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**TEXT OF AMENDMENT**

I move to amend Common Council File Number 150324, a substitute resolution relative to the establishment of the Year 2016 Funding Allocation Plan, by amending the 2016 Proposed Funding Allocation Plan (FAP) recommendations attached to this file by:

1. Decreasing the recommended funding for the 2016 Proposed CDBG Entitlement Allocation "Proposed CITY CDBG Activities" by \$2,000,000, from \$6,170,150 to \$4,170,150. (page 12)
  2. Increasing the recommended funding for the 2016 Proposed CDBG Entitlement Allocation categories under Public Service-Community Organizing by \$1,000,000, by increasing the following:
    - Neighborhood Strategic Planning by \$500,000, from \$855,000 to \$1,355,000. (page 9)
    - Community Partners Initiative by \$500,000, from \$200,000 to \$700,000. (page 9)
  3. Increasing the recommended funding for the 2016 Proposed CDBG Entitlement Allocation categories under Economic Development-Special Economic Development by \$1,000,000, from \$500,000 to \$1,500,000. (page 10)
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**ANALYSIS OF AMENDMENT**

This amendment decreases the 2016 Proposed CITY CDBG Allocation by \$2,000,000, from \$6,170,150 to \$4,170,150. This amendment increases, by \$1,000,000, the Proposed CDBG Entitlement Allocation category Public Service-Community Organizing by increasing the following activities: Neighborhood Strategic Planning by \$500,000 and Community Partners Initiative by \$500,000. This amendment also increases the allocation category Economic Development-Special Economic Development by \$1,000,000.

The total 2016 Proposed Allocation remains the same.

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