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Time to make sure your voice is heard!

Statement from Alderman Bob Donovan January 14, 2015

Time is of the essence for anyone who believes the voice of the people should be heard on the wasteful downtown streetcar project. UNITED for Milwaukee is pushing to collect signatures to pass direct legislation that would require the city to hold a binding referendum in order to construct any rail transit system exceeding \$20 million. **The UNITED for Milwaukee petition drive is coming to a head, and I am urging residents to get out in force and help collect signatures during these next few days.**

You can obtain signature sheets at:

- Sobelman's Pub & Grill – 1900 W. St. Paul Ave.
- The Packing House Restaurant – 900 E. Layton Ave.
- Sherman Perk Coffee Shop – 4924 W. Roosevelt Dr.
- Wolski's Tavern – 1836 N. Pulaski St.
- CJ's Sports Bar – 3279 S. 9th St.
- Mama's Italian Cuisine – 7718 W. Burleigh
- McKiernan's Tavern – 2066 S. 37th St.
- Ron & Russ's Flooring and Design – 2648 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.
- Sebring Garage – 6005 W. Howard Ave.
- Southside Gardens – 1576 W. Oklahoma Ave. (signatures only – not drop-off)

Please go get your signature sheets and take them with you to the store, to the next high school sports event, to church on Sunday – and even to your Packers NFC Championship viewing party on Sunday!

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Despite the outpouring of overwhelming support I am hearing from those opposed to the streetcar, I see reports that the mayor held a pro-streetcar informational meeting last evening in the swanky Milwaukee Theatre rotunda. I read that at the sparsely attended meeting, the mayor told the crowd that he's looking to expand the streetcar if he can get it built first downtown. Mayor, where is the billion dollars going to come from to pay for the expansion of the streetcar across Milwaukee?

The mayor wants his way on the streetcar because he thinks he knows what's best for our city. Well mayor, as we grow up we realize we can't have everything we want. It's time to let the people tell us what they want, and I have a feeling they are ready to tell EVERYONE loud and clear that we don't need the mayor's wasteful streetcar!

On a personal note, I am looking forward to joining former Kenosha Mayor John D. Bilotti and supporters of Common Sense Kenosha tomorrow night (Thursday, January 15) at 7 p.m. at the Women's Club of Kenosha, 6028 8th Ave., during a town hall meeting. I will be lending my voice and my moral support as Common Sense Kenosha works to defeat an effort to expand the Kenosha streetcar route.

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