

**Statement of Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr.
August 16, 2007**

In light of the senseless destruction at Carter's House of Jazz early this morning, I am determined to do whatever it takes to close this dangerous magnet of criminal activity as soon as possible. Four people were shot last night within the establishment. One person died. And as one police officer said today, "These recent shootings are just the tip of the iceberg for Carter's."

Earlier this year, owner John Carter was issued a 90-day suspension and his business was declared a nuisance property by the Milwaukee Police Department. Despite those sanctions, the litany of violations and violent incidents continued as soon as Carter's House of Jazz reopened. This is unacceptable. I have called Mr. Carter myself and urged him to come down to City Hall to turn over his license. If he refuses to do so, I will take swift action to begin the revocation process.

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