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Mayor Gary Becker
and the Common Council
Racine, Wisconsin

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a result of Presidential Disaster Proclamation FEMA-1768-DR-WI, funding is available for mitigation activities through the Section 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides grants to fund long term, permanent mitigation measures following major disaster declarations. These grants provide 75% Federal funding and 12.5% State funding while requiring a 12.5% local match. The object of this program is to reduce future disaster damages to improved properties.

We are requesting direction as to whether the City should participate in this program.

Please refer this item to the Public Works and Services Committee and Finance and Personnel Committee.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Jones
Commissioner of Public Works

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