



October 14, 2008

Mayor Gary Becker  
City Hall  
730 Washington Avenue  
Racine WI 53403

Dear Mayor Becker and Common Council:

The Downtown Racine Corporation is currently organizing the annual Holiday Parade to be held in downtown Racine. The parade, with your approval, would be held on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:30 PM.

This year, we would like to propose staging the parade on Ontario Street and in the CNH parking lot on the south side of State Street. The parade will then begin on the west side of the bridge State Street Bridge, continue down Main to 6<sup>th</sup> Street, and travel up 6<sup>th</sup> Street to end at City Hall. With your permission, this would require street closings for a short period of time that evening.

We feel that moving the staging area will reduce the traffic restrictions on Lake Avenue and impediments at the Radisson Inn and Chancery. We have met with James Dobbs of the Racine Police Department to review this plan.

Thank you for your consideration and please keep me advised of any committee or Common Council meetings that I should attend.

Sincerely,

Devin Sutherland  
Executive Director

Cc: Rick Jones, Commissioner of Public Works