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Mayor Gary Becker  
Members of the Common Council  
c/o Janice Johnson-Martin, City Clerk

**Subject: Request for a grant of local option Block Grant funds for the acquisition and rehabilitation of commercial properties in the Uptown area.**

Dear Mayor Becker and Honorable Aldermen:

This department and the Uptown Improvement Organization have been pursuing the implementation of the *Uptown Improvement Plan*. Certain properties that are deteriorated but key to the revitalization need to be acquired and repaired by either the city or cooperative private owners. I am writing to request funding for that purpose because the repair costs are high relative to the market value of the buildings in their current condition.

Please refer this item to the Community Development Committee for its review and recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian F. O'Connell", is written over a large, stylized flourish.

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Director of City Development

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