



UPTOWN IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION
1339 Washington Avenue
Racine WI 53403

Uptown – The Heart of Racine

October 30, 2006

Mayor Gary Becker
City of Racine
730 Washington Avenue
Racine WI 53403

Dear Mayor Becker:

The **UIO** Board voted to support a BID District to raise revenue to support the Schroeder Anderson plan for Uptown improvement projects. This will be presented to the general membership for ratification at the November 14th 5:30 PM meeting at Our Savior's Lutheran Church .

To further support Uptown businesses we would like to have meters removed from parking lots beginning with the recently rejuvenated lot South of Washington Avenue between Ann and Owen Streets. I believe the precedence for this was set by the removal of meters from the lot North of Easterday Office Supply, the Uptown Theatre, and Tradewinds Banquet Hall.

A question which arose during discussions was whether these meters are actually revenue producers or a further financial burden to the City.

The **UIO** has adopted a budget that will support staff and part of the revenue required for façade improvements along Washington Avenue.

Please consider this a formal request for elimination of meters from the new parking lot.

We look forward to continued partnering with the City and the other districts for the general improvement and long-term revitalization of the City of Racine. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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