To: Mayor John Dickert Jim Kaplan, Council President Sandy Weidner, Public Works Committee Chairman Members of the Common Council Mark Yehlen, Dept. of Public Works

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From: Karl J. Fuller 2415 Jerome, Blvd. Racine WI. 53403

Subject: Request to present and discuss Streetlight Sponsorship Plan with the Public Works and Services Committee.

I request to meet with the Public Works and Services Committee at their next scheduled meeting to discuss a plan for Streetlight Sponsorship. This would be a simple plan and I and the Citizens of Racine would like to present and discuss the plan with the entire Public Works Committee.

**Respectfully Submitted** 

Karl J. Fuller

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To: Mayor John Dickert Common Council Members Mark Yehlen Public Works Dept.

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Subject: "Streetlight Management Proposal"

Recently I had a chance to speak briefly with my Alderman Michael Shields as well as with the Public Works Commissioner Mark Yehlen about the StreetLight Management Proposal.

The Citizens of Racine are very concerned about the reduction and or elimination of Streetlights in their Neighborhoods. Streetlights have a positive impact on their daily lives. They are concerned about increased crime, Safety and Security of their Homes and Families as well as the negative impact that lack of public lighting can have on a community. They are ever increasingly concerned about plummeting property values and increased insurance rates.

I do believe that a comprehensive review and plan relating to the Cities Street lighting is important. But much more important is that the needs and concern's of the Citizens of Racine be taken into account as well. I think we can all agree that we have learned a lot from the way last years Streetlight Elimination Program was handled.

I ask that we do not repeat the mistakes and problems of the past. But now let us embark on a new course. A coarse that embraces open communication and cooperation between the City of Racine and the Citizens of this City. We must not repeat the mistakes of the past. The public trust is at stake. Let us instead embark on a new path that accomplishes the needs, goals, hopes and dreams of all.

I ask the city to be very open and forthright on all aspects of this Streetlight program as well as establishing a "Streetlight Sponsorship Program" affording Citizens an avenue to keep in place and pay for any We Energies light scheduled for elimination. This would be a very simple program and very easy to administer which would show Good Faith and Good Will from our City Leadership to the Taxpayers, Voters and Citizens of this Great City. We must choose a course. A path of division, fear, anger and distrust or a course built on mutual respect, cooperation and trust. I choose the latter. How say You?

R/S Karl J. Fuller

Questions from the Taxpayers about 2013 Budget and Street Lights

- 1. Is the City moving forward with the plan to acquire and maintain the CNH property at a cost to the taxpayers of 70,000 per year as stated by Brian O'Connell Journal Times Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 2012?
- 2. When will the scope and details of the street light policy and plans be published and revealed to the public?
- 3. If there are plans to further eliminate Street Lights when will the map of planned eliminations be published in the Journal Times?
- 4. When considering Street Light spacing and or elimination was consideration given to areas with high crime?
- 5. Was consideration given to areas that experience high traffic volume or unusual traffic patterns?
- 6. Was consideration given to keep in place lights that are in the closest proximity or across the street from a Fire Hydrant?
- 7. Will the Public Works Dept. embrace a simple plan of Street Light Sponsorship for WE Energies Lights?
- 8. Will the Public Works Dept. consider appointing one person as the point man or woman to be the source of information and communication with the Aldermen and Citizens as related to Street Light issues, questions and information?

R / S Karl J. Fuller

Please reply / respond to these questions at.	
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