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

> Subject: Request for permission to apply to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a grant to perform environmental site assessments at brownfields properties throughout the City.

Dear Mayor Dickert and Honorable Aldermen:

The City of Racine appears to be eligible to apply for a Site Assessment Grant (SAG) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the amount of \$400,000. The grant would be used for environmental investigations at brownfields properties contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances throughout the City. This testing is a key first step in initiating successful brownfields remediation and redevelopment. No match is required.

I respectfully request permission to apply for this grant on behalf of the City.

Please refer this request to the Finance and Personnel Committee for its review and recommendation.

Sincerely,

Brian F. O'Connell

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Attachment

C: David Brown, Finance Director Debbi Embry, Grants Facilitator Tina Chitwood, RCEDC

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