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

Dear Mayor Friedel and Honorable Aldermen:

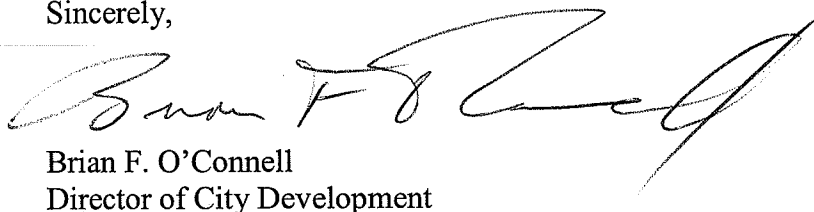
**SUBJECT: Request for permission to apply for and accept Homelessness Prevention Fund Grant**

The City of Racine is eligible to apply for a \$817,554 Homelessness Prevention Fund grant made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The funds have been allocated to Racine as a formula grant and are intended to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those who are homeless to be quickly rehoused and stabilized. The funds may be used for a variety of assistance including: short- and medium-term rent assistance; moving and relocation; security or utility deposits; utility payments; credit counseling; case management.

I respectfully request permission to apply for this grant, accept it, and authorize the mayor and clerk to execute grant agreements and other pertinent documents to secure the funding.

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

Sincerely,



Brian F. O'Connell  
Director of City Development

c: David Brown, Finance Director  
Debbi Embry, Grants Facilitator  
Joe Heck, City Development  
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