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Mr. Mark Yehlen Racine Department of Public Works City Hall--Room 303 730 Washington Avenue Racine, WI 53403 **RECEIVED** 

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Dept. of Public Works

Dear Mr. Yehlen,

Once again this year, I want to bring to your attention a major event that Real Racine is hosting--that I know you're familiar with-- that is coming through Racine on Sunday, July 20, 2014.

This year, we're expecting 2,5 00 athletes to participate in the Ironman Racine 70.3 Triathlon, which will be held throughout Racine County. The participants will swim 1.2 miles in Lake Michigan, bike 56 miles and run 13.1 miles. Our participants this year include some of the world's top tri-athletes. The race begins and ends at North Beach Park.

Ironman and the Racine County Convention and Visitors Bureau are working closely with the many police departments, municipalities, Racine County Sheriff's Department and the Racine County Department of Public Works to make this year's race a success.

Our race director Ryan Richards has been in contact with Lt. Dave Wohlgemuth from the Racine Police Department to discuss the 2014 bike and run courses that will run through the city. The courses are the same as last year's. Lt. Wohlgemuth is aware of details of the courses and is addressing any concerns with Ryan Richards. They are comfortable with this year's courses.

I've enclosed the layout for the 2014 courses for the swim, bike and run. The bike course will run counterclockwise. No complete road closures will take place.

We are asking for the city's permission to close a portion of the course roads for the race, as we have in previous years.

If you would like me, a member of our staff, or race director Ryan Richards to come and speak with you or your staff or council members at any time regarding the race, we'd be happy to do that.

I appreciate your time and if you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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