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**REGARING:** Per my voice mail and for presentation November 4, 2010  
MWRD Board meeting. Thank you.

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November 1, 2010

The Honorable Terrence O'Brien  
President  
Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD)  
100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear President O'Brien:

I write this correspondence as a letter of support for the proposed Chicago Police Department Firing Range to be located in the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward. The range is to be located at approximately 134<sup>th</sup> & Jeffrey Avenue within the Lake Calumet Industrial Corridor. More specifically, the site is sited on MWRD owned property which served as the construction site for the District's Deep Tunnel project. Local residents refer to the general area more commonly as the "landfill" (Waste Management owns and operates the CID Landfill adjacent to and directly west of the site).

The City of Chicago, specifically the Department of Community Development, served as the lead department is attempting to identify the best location for this Police facility. Several sites, including Iroquois Landing, were suggested with the MWRD site being identified as the best location. The site is attractive for numerous reasons including being located within the City Corporate limits, owned by a sister agency and thus allowing for a more efficient land transaction, and isolated within a heavy industrial corridor.

The challenges of our police have changed and increased significantly over the years. Any and all tools that can be provided to assist these public servants are not just needed but essential. This range will provide much needed training for our men and women of law enforcement. The current ranges used by Chicago Police, admittedly, are less than adequate to put it mildly.

The range is supported by various law enforcement groups, every single officer I have spoken with, local businesses, the area's chamber of commerce, and local



industrial commission. As one might expect there are also those who have concerns regarding this proposal.

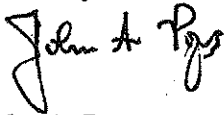
While there is rarely total agreement on any project of this significance I believe the project is good and needed. Much effort has been put into the design, operation, and security of the facility to ensure that it incorporates and exceeds current best practices. Sensitivity to those environmental concerns has also been carefully taken into account. Much work and scrutiny by such entities as the Chicago Department of Environment, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), and now your agency has occurred to ensure the overall success of this project. Additionally, more work, review, and public comment is sure to follow as this project will be heard before various other bodies including the City's Committee on Housing and Real Estate, the Chicago Plan Commission, and the City's Committee on Zoning.

I believe our men and women of law enforcement deserve the best we can provide them. I also believe this project will provide a sense of comfort and security to local residents, businesses, and visitors of the southeast side as they know there will be a constant and significant presence of law enforcement in the area.

**It is for these and other reasons that I support this project. I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this matter.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 773-721-1999.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Alderman, 10<sup>th</sup> Ward