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October 7, 2008

Mr. Scott V. Bruner
Chief Administrative Law Officer
Administrative Hearings Department
City of Chicago
400 W. Superior
Chicago, IL 60606

Re: Multiple vehicles towed prior to Bucktown 5K race - requesting support for reimbursement of tow charge to vehicle owners

Dear Mr. Bruner:

This is a letter of support for residents and visitors who had their vehicles towed on October 5th, 2008 prior to the Bucktown 5k walkathon/ race. I am issuing this letter of support because the number of vehicles towed, 127, clearly indicates a communication breakdown by the organizer of the event in his communications with the residents along the race route and city. Over the past couple of days, we have been working with all city departments involved to determine what specific communications took place along the route prior to the race.

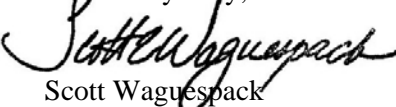
We have also been in contact with the local sponsor of the race, Running Away Multisport, but have been unable to get a response from the race organizer JMC, located in Lake Forest, Illinois, who filed all of the documentation requesting the street closures in the 32nd Ward.

Because the timeframe for an appeals process is short, I am requesting that the people towed be reimbursed for the towing expenses.

My office will continue to pursue the race organizers to find out what led to this inordinate number of vehicles being towed so we can stop this from happening in the future.

Your assistance and understanding for these residents will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Yours very truly,


Scott Waguespack
Alderman