



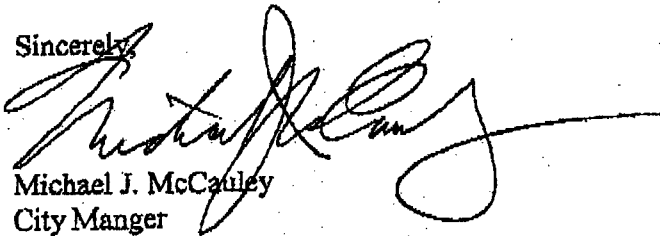
January 10, 2006

Dear Members of the House Civil Law Committee:

It has recently been brought to our attention that Brooklyn Center has been singled out as an abuser of the eminent domain process. This letter is a response to that charge and we feel we have been unfairly and unjustly characterized. Enclosed is a brief rebuttal to some of the mistaken facts that have recently been suggested. The city would welcome the opportunity to explain its position on eminent domain as well as talk in length about any of the condemnations that have taken place within the city.

We appreciate the committee taking this opportunity to become better acquainted with the issue of eminent domain and welcome an open and balanced discussion. If at any time the City can be of help in this matter we would welcome the opportunity to provide information. I can be reached at 763-569-3309 or mmccauley@ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us.

Sincerely,



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City Manger