



**Tom Barrett**  
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

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July 9, 2009

Dear Friends,

Ensuring the financial well-being of the City is a top priority in these challenging times.

In past years, prudent management and budgeting have helped us to maintain the essential services so valuable to our residents. This year will be even more difficult given the new demands on the city's pension commitments caused by steep market downturns, and our continued structural pressures.

In working to construct a 2010 City of Milwaukee Budget that balances the needs of our community, I've scheduled a public hearing that I hope will inform citizens about the choices city leaders have to weigh in setting priorities for improving Milwaukee.

I encourage you to attend the 2010 Public Budget Hearing:

Wednesday, July 15, 2009  
Milwaukee County War Memorial Center  
Memorial Hall  
750 North Lincoln Memorial Drive  
3:00-5:00 p.m.

Parking is available at no cost in the lot north of the building.

Finance Chair Alderman Michael Murphy will make remarks on the Council perspective and I welcome your input at the hearing as well. The main purpose is to educate the public about the challenges facing the city, and gather citizen feedback as we strive to stabilize our fiscal future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Barrett".

Tom Barrett  
Mayor