

June 10, 2014

Dane County Planning & Development Department Room 116, City-County Building 210 MLK, Jr. Blvd. Madison, WI 53703-3342

RE: Proposed Radio Tower in Rutland Township

Dear Members of the Dane County Zoning and Land Regulation Committee:

I am writing you today to urge your support for the Proposed Radio Station Tower in the Town of Rutland by Magnum Broadcasting. Both this tower and radio station would be a great public safety asset to the southeastern Dane County area.

The Stoughton area, almost uniquely epitomizes the need for viable broadcast radio. The Stoughton area citizens and other visitors to southeastern Dane County have recent firsthand experiences in dealing with critical incidents were the benefits of better communication were needed. During the Stoughton tornado of 2003, the I-90 fog related 300 vehicle crash incident, and the I-90 snow related stranded motorist event, the one thing we struggled with during all three events was having a way to keep those citizens impacted or involved by the situations informed. Having a local radio station, both willing to assist and located in the geographic area would have been a real asset.

Additionally, as we continue to examine area communication needs in both the radio and cellular areas. The benefits of a communication tower located in Rutland Township for antenna needs cannot be understated. The availability of this tower for public safety communication equipment may only become more acute in the near future.

I urge the Zoning and Land Regulation Committee to facilitate bringing this valuable asset to our southeastern and south central Dane County citizens and the communities it will serve, and fully support Magnum Broadcastings proposal.

Respectfully, Gregory W. Leck Chief of Police City of Stoughton

Cc: Dave Magnum