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Ald. District 6**FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION****THE CITY OF FRANKLIN OPPOSES PROPOSED STATE STATUTE THAT WOULD INVALIDATE THE CITY'S SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCY RESTRICTION AND CHILD SAFETY ZONE ORDINANCE.**

At a Special Common Council Meeting held Saturday, March 6, 2010, the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Franklin directed that communications be distributed to the community, State Legislators, schools, churches, and parks and recreation facilities urging them to oppose 2009 Senate Bill 548 and 2009 Assembly Bill 759.

This proposed legislation, if approved, would nullify or invalidate the City of Franklin's sex offender residency restriction and child safety zone ordinances. The City of Franklin's sex offender residency restriction and child safety zone ordinances were enacted by the Common Council in an effort to make the City of Franklin a safer place for children and for women. These ordinances have been tested in the courts and, according to Franklin's law enforcement officials, have served the community very well.

The City and many members of the public worked vigorously to win court battles and political fights that challenged its right to enact reasonable and rational laws for the protection of its children. The recently approved resolution by the Franklin Common Council urges lawmakers to protect each community's right to pass such laws and to keep laws in place for the safety of children, women, and families.

The City is mailing a communication to all properties in the community urging them to contact their legislators to ensure their legislators know that local ordinances protecting children should not be negated by ineffective state statutes.

Please go to the home page of the City of Franklin's website for more information about these bills and the upcoming hearings related to these bills. The City of Franklin's website address is <http://www.franklinwi.gov>.

For additional information on this press release or the City's efforts, please contact Police Chief Rick Oliva at 414-425-2522 or at roliva@franklinwi.gov.