



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Milwaukee County
CHRIS ABELE • COUNTY EXECUTIVE

County Executive Chris Abele Statement on Domes Public Hearing

MILWAUKEE – In advance of tomorrow evening’s public hearing on the status of the Mitchell Park Domes, Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele released the following statement*:

“It’s great that as the public gathers tomorrow to begin our community discussion on the long-term future of the Domes it is with the confidence that we have a definitive timeline for safely re-opening the Domes, beginning with the Show Dome on May 1st, as part of a \$1 million repair plan I announced yesterday.

“The Show Dome is the most accessible and most utilized Dome, and it will allow for dozens of weddings that had been scheduled at the Domes to be held, which is why we will reopen it first. Engineers have been studying options since last July that will keep the public safe from falling debris while also protecting the plants and maintaining the beauty of the Domes. They’ve identified a short-term fix that is sustainable for the next several years that meets all those criteria.

“Last year I budgeted \$500,000 for repairs at the Domes and that money will allow us to complete the work on the Show Dome. I’ve asked my partners on the County Board to now authorize an additional \$500,000 so that we can fund the repairs needed to safely reopen the Tropical and Arid Domes, and I have every confidence that they will do so quickly as possible since the Domes are such an important cultural asset for all of us.

“I look forward to hearing both the Board’s good ideas and what the community has to say on the Domes and will continue to solicit feedback from the public in the coming weeks and months. We still need to discuss, as a community, a long-term plan for the future of the Domes. I look forward to continuing this dialogue.”

*NOTE: The County Executive is unable to attend tomorrow evening’s public hearing due to a previously scheduled commitment in his role as Treasurer of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Board of Governors. He regrets that he cannot personally attend but knows the County is well-represented.

###