

Milwaukee County Board Chairman
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**Chairman Lipscomb Responds to Administration Proposal to Charge for Lakefront Parking
Asks, "Who would want to impose a tax on
Independence Day celebrations and family picnics at the lakefront?"**

Tonight a listening session on the 2017 Budget is being held by Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele from 5:30 – 7:30 PM at the Washington Park Senior Center, 4220 W. Vliet St., Milwaukee. At an earlier session on the annual County budget this week, the Administration shared its proposal to charge parking fees along the lakefront.

In response to this proposal to charge for parking along Lincoln Memorial Drive, and at lots at McKinley Park, Veterans Park, North Point, Bradford Beach, and Lake Park, Board Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr. released the following statement:

"I am concerned that the County Executive's latest proposal, essentially an admission price on the lakefront, would limit access to these public spaces and make this parkland exclusive only to those who can afford added parking fees and tickets.

All of us who pay our fair share of taxes have a right to enjoy our public lakefront even if we cannot afford to live right by it. Who is he willing to exclude from our parks with this proposal?

I urge the County Executive to ditch this retread of a 2009 Scott Walker revenue scheme. Instead, I want to work with the County Executive to find ways to make it easier, not harder, for more citizens to enjoy their lakefront."

Milwaukee residents are encouraged to take the opportunity to participate in tonight's budget session and share their opinions about this parks proposal and other recommendations recently advanced by the County Executive's Administration, including the elimination of the popular GO Pass transit program for seniors and persons with disabilities and the imposition of a \$20 - \$60 wheel tax on Milwaukee County residents.

<http://county.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/cntyDAS/PSB/Budgets/2017-Budget-/5600-DOT-Transit.pdf>

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