



Milwaukee County Board

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Opponents of Milwaukee County Board Reform Fail to Deliver The “OUR Milwaukee” Plan Hangs in Limbo on Eve of Referendum Day

Milwaukee County Supervisor Deanna Alexander has waited nearly a year to see the County Board reform itself as promised in the “OUR Milwaukee” plan, only to be handed an empty delivery.

Hoping to stave off state intervention, the Milwaukee County Board passed a resolution promising to enact local changes in the spring 2013. They even advertised it to the community hoping to garner support for the face-saving initiative.

But promises can be broken, so the partnering ordinance that would have created actual laws followed, filling over 50 pages with legislation that would have fundamentally altered the way the Milwaukee County Board operates.

Even *after* the state intervened with assured passage of Act 14, Board Chairwoman Dimitrijevic said that Milwaukee County had listened to the citizens’ support for local control and pledged that as a result of the OUR Milwaukee community meetings, “*we are going to move forward with our local reforms.*”

“It’s been 319 days and the ordinance proposals have sat untouched; they’re lying dormant in a committee,” said Alexander. “The state followed through with Act 14, but aside from doing the bare minimum necessary to comply, the County Board seems to have dropped the ball.”

“Seeking legal advice would be an amazing excuse for delay at this point, considering she’s spent nearly \$100,000 of taxpayer funds on attorneys that haven’t provided members of the board more than 10 pages of actual insight,” said Alexander. “What is that—\$10,000 a page?”

Supervisor Alexander calls on the sponsors of the original resolution to move forward with their promised ordinance, or to withdraw it and admit that it was never a serious plan in the first place.

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