



## **Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors** *Supervisor David L. Sartori, 8th District*

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### **County Supervisor David Sartori Reluctant on Wheel Tax** *Proposes Annual GO Pass Fee, Lower Wheel Tax*

MILWAUKEE – County Supervisor David Sartori announced his reluctance to support County Executive Chris Abele's proposed \$60 wheel tax on Tuesday, saying the proposed fee is too high.

"As a disabled combat veteran and a senior citizen, I'm in favor of continuing the GO Pass so we can provide discounted rides for seniors and the disabled.

We need dedicated funding for public transit, but asking all Milwaukee County residents to pay another \$60, on top of the \$75 they already pay to the state for their vehicles, is just too much to ask.

Instead of a \$60 wheel tax, we should consider a lower amount. In addition, I'm proposing a \$25 annual fee for all GO Pass users, so we can continue to provide discounted rides to anyone who uses the bus more than once a month."

Sartori emphasized the need for a new source of funding for transit, noting that Milwaukee County's revenue growth is .7% annually while expenditures are growing at 2.2%, meaning that cuts to services would be required without additional revenue.

Sartori added that although the Milwaukee County budget is basically flat year to year, the County is spending less when adjusted for inflation.

Supervisor Sartori represents the communities of St. Francis, Cudahy, and South Milwaukee, along with a small portion of Oak Creek. A disabled Viet Nam veteran, David Sartori was first elected to the County Board in April, 2016.

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