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## **SUPERVISORS DEVELOP INNOVATIVE PLAN TO PROVIDE MORE AQUATIC OPTIONS AT A LOWER COST** *Supervisors propose 2010 Budget Amendment at Pulaski Indoor Pool*

**Milwaukee, WI** – Joined by dozens of frequent pool users at Pulaski Indoor Pool this morning, Milwaukee County Supervisors Marina Dimitrijevic, Johnny L. Thomas, John F. Weishan, Jr., and Chris Larson announced their long-term aquatic plan on behalf of Milwaukee County residents. The Supervisors developed the plan as an alternative to County Executive Scott Walker’s 2010 budget proposal, which calls for the permanent closure of the Pulaski and Noyes indoor pools, along with a number of outdoor deep-well pools.

“Earlier this year, when the County Executive tried to close these pools during the busy summer months, only to reverse his decision after massive public outcry, we said that we would develop more creative solutions for these pools in the 2010 Budget,” Supervisor Thomas said. “We fulfilled that promise by bringing forward this plan, which provides more aquatic options and greater flexibility for residents all across Milwaukee County.”

The plan, which will be introduced as a 2010 Budget Amendment later this month, restores funding for the Pulaski and Noyes indoor pools, as well as Holler, Jackson, Pelican Cove and Washington Park outdoor pools, cancels the proposed South Side Family Aquatic Center, and calls for the design and construction of two indoor water parks at Pulaski and Noyes. The plan also provides \$1.5 million in capital funding for a number of deferred pool repairs.

“With this amendment, we will keep all pools open and add two new indoor water parks to enhance Pulaski and Noyes, all while generating steady year-round revenue and addressing deferred maintenance,” Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. “Rather than build a new outdoor aquatic center that would only be used during the summer, this amendment provides a new year-round amenity for all ages and improves upon our current assets.”

“On top of that, because there will be less long-term bonding for pools, we will be able to complete more projects in other areas that need attention in our capital improvement budget,” said Supervisor Weishan. “With this plan, we will only bond for \$6.5 million, rather than \$11 million for the large, single aquatic center proposed by the County Executive.”

“Our indoor and outdoor pools are vital to the community as evidenced by the outpouring of support this morning,” added Supervisor Larson. “These residents are here to remind us that, even as we build onto our great park system, we cannot and will not abandon what generations have built before us.”

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