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CLOSE VOTE DEMONSTRATES OUTREACH EFFORTS ARE WORKING

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic will continue her efforts to cooperate with all municipalities in Milwaukee County after the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council (ICC), consisting of the County Executive and the Mayors and Village Presidents of Milwaukee County, voted 9-11 against enhanced cooperation with the County Board. Chairwoman Dimitrijevic released the following statement this afternoon:

“Today’s ICC vote was very close, and I appreciate the broad spectrum of support I received from all four corners of the County. ICC Chairman Tom Taylor shared that it’s a new day and all municipalities are being heard by the County Board. It’s clear that our outreach efforts are working.

“During my successful ‘Chats with the Chair’ in Franklin and Fox Point, residents expressed their interest in preserving paramedics funding, improving our parks, and maintaining County Trunk Highways. I will continue to hold these Chats to hear directly from residents. My next Chats are tomorrow in St. Francis and July 23 in Brown Deer.

“I thank Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett for understanding the need to work with the County Board. At the same time, it’s too bad that County Executive Chris Abele didn’t cast the same vote for cooperation as Mayor Barrett. Actions speak louder than words. It’s clear that the County Executive and I have different leadership styles. I’ve shown that I am comfortable having all views at the table.

“We’ve come a long way already in recent months. I have enjoyed meeting and working with our partners in local government, and I am committed to enhancing these relationships. But, I also realize that it will take time to reach a mutual spirit of cooperation with these nineteen municipalities.”

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