



Mayo's View



MICHAEL MAYO, SR. ■ 7TH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

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Dear Neighbors,

It has been an honor to represent you and the interests of our community on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for the past 19 years. I look forward to dealing with the opportunities and challenges that we face in the 7th District and across Milwaukee County.

One of the most important goals for me is to get neighbors in the 7th District to know each other better. Neighbor-to-neighbor contact helps develop relationships and it will hopefully make our neighborhoods safer. I encourage you to talk to your neighbors to make our community stronger.

Meanwhile, the County Board is going through changing times. A bill which became law earlier this year stripped the Board of much of its powers and centralized them with the County Executive. I opposed the bill vigorously because I believe County Supervisors are much closer to the people. The new law will make it more difficult for the Board to govern, but I will continue to work hard to serve the people of the 7th District.

I am Chairman of the Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee, and we face many key decisions in the coming months, not the least of which is to deal with a proposal by the County Executive to give transit services to a private, for-profit company. I will stay in touch on this issue as it moves through the process.

Our neighborhoods are what make the 7th District special, and thanks in part to our great Milwaukee Parks Department there have been two great free concerts in the parks this summer. I also hope you enjoyed the concerts this summer at Dineen and Columbus parks. We will try to hold these concerts again next summer.

All of these events and the great things that happen in our community every day wouldn't be possible without YOU. I want to hear your concerns and suggestions about what I can do to represent the 7th district. I have included a survey I invite you to fill out and send back to me. You can always call my office at 278-4241 or send an email to michael.mayo@milwcnty.com and I will try to get back to you as soon as possible.

Again thank you for the opportunity to represent you. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help this community as we move forward together.

War Memorial

On July 25, the Milwaukee County Board, on an 18-0 vote, passed a momentous resolution that ensures the integrity of the buildings and grounds of the War Memorial and the Milwaukee Art Museum, guaranteeing that Milwaukee County residents will be able to enjoy these two lakefront treasures for generations to come.

On September 17, officials from the War Memorial, Milwaukee Art Museum and Milwaukee County formally signed an agreement forged over two years that will ensure the viability and beauty of these two treasures on Milwaukee's lakefront.

I was honored to serve on the War Memorial Board of Directors for 19 years, and I was vice chair for two years. Two years ago I tried to help the two organizations come to an agreement. I worked with the County Executive to bring about a pact, but ultimately the deal fell through.

It took a concerted effort by several parties, including War Memorial and Milwaukee Art Museum leadership, over the course of multiple years, to reach the agreement. The Milwaukee County Board led the effort to forge this landmark pact by bringing in former Supreme Court Justice Janine Geske to find a way for the two parties to come together.

Under the compromise measure, the War Memorial Center/Milwaukee Art Museum will receive \$1,586,000 per year from the County from 2014 through 2023. This includes a payment of \$1,100,000 to the Art Museum and \$486,000 to the War Memorial. The annual County funding commitment ends after the initial ten-year period, but the other portions of the agreement between the War Memorial and the Art Museum could extend for up to 84 years.

County capital improvement funding of \$10 million between



Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr. joined officials from the War Memorial and the Milwaukee Art Museum at the signing of the agreement.

2013 and 2017 will supplement the Art Museum's planned private funding of \$15 million for a total \$25 million investment in improvements to the publically-owned portions of the War Memorial and Art Museum buildings and grounds.

This historic agreement benefits not only the two organizations, but all of Milwaukee County. It represents a victory for veterans because the agreement promises to keep the War Memorial as a tribute to the selfless actions of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.

This agreement is a win-win-win for the War Memorial, the Art Museum and the taxpayers of Milwaukee County, especially our veterans. I am the proud son of a World War II Army veteran, my Uncle Freddie was a Korean War veteran. In addition, I am the proud father of an Iraq War veteran who served as a Navy corpsman, assigned to the U.S. Marines, for 6 1/2 years and is still in the reserves. Military service is part of our family tradition, and I'm proud of it. I am honored to have supported this agreement, and I am proud of the Board for passing it unanimously.

COUNTY BOARD REMAINED OPEN IN SPITE OF COURTHOUSE FIRE

An electrical fire on July 6 caused the County Executive to close the Milwaukee County Courthouse, but the County Board continued its work despite being displaced to other County buildings such as the Cogg's Human Services Center on Vliet Street.

In spite of the adversity, it was business as usual for the County Board. Other County departments were forced to shut down completely.

But our constituents matter more than the Courthouse. The County Executive didn't have a plan for such an emergency; it was the Board and its staff that continued to operate and

work on behalf of Milwaukee County residents.

The Board eventually returned to the Courthouse after a few weeks, but operationally it was as though we had never left. Media reports indicate that repairs to the Courthouse have been estimated at about \$6 million, although much of that will be covered by insurance. It appears that the fire may have been the result of deferred maintenance favored by this and prior County Executives.

We're here to serve our constituents whatever the circumstances, and I'm pleased to say the County Board continued to serve even under difficult circumstances.

Milwaukee County 7th District Survey

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TRANSPORTATION

1. Should Milwaukee County award a mass transit contract to a for-profit company instead of retaining its current non-profit provider?
 Yes No
2. Do you believe mass transit fares are too costly?
 Yes No
3. How should mass transit be funded?
 Sales tax Wheel tax (\$20 per vehicle registration fee) Increase fares
 Other: _____
4. How often do you use Milwaukee County's mass transit system?
 Every day Once a week Once a month Never

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS

1. Should Milwaukee County sell or lease parkland to private firms for redevelopment?
 Yes No
2. Do you favor creating a parks authority that would operate County parks?
 Yes No
3. Do you support closing neighborhood pools that don't generate a profit for Milwaukee County?
 Yes No
4. Do you support higher fees at County golf courses to help maintain them?
 Yes No

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NEW ARENA, PARKS AND CULTURAL FACILITIES

1. Do you believe we need a new downtown Milwaukee arena?
 Yes No
2. Do you believe public financing should be used to build a new downtown arena?
 Yes No
3. Would you support public financing for a new arena if the funding also went to our cultural assets and maintaining our parks?
 Yes No

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COUNTY GOVERNMENT

1. Do you believe County employees are effective and provide value to you as a taxpayer?
 Yes No
2. What services could the County improve on?
 Mental health Transit Park maintenance Law enforcement
3. Should vendors who do business with Milwaukee County be required to pay their workers a "living wage" of more than \$11 an hour?
 Yes No



Mail your response to:

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You may also e-mail
your response to:
michael.mayo@milwcnty.com

Dear Neighbors,

While it is an honor to represent you, I also believe it is best if I take your advice and counsel on all of the important issues facing the County. That's why I have included this survey in my newsletter.

The survey includes questions on just some of the major issues facing the County Board, but I encourage you to also express your views on concerns that may not be listed here. Transit, mental health and parks are all important, but there are others as well, and it is crucial that you let me know your feelings on all matters before the County Board.

Please take the time to fill it out and return it to me. I take these surveys very seriously, and your voice will be heard when you return it to me. The survey results help me to represent the 7th District on the County Board, and they help me understand matters that are of interest to you.

Thank you,

Michael Mayo, Sr.
Milwaukee County Supervisor, District 7



SPEAK OUT ❖ YOUR OPINION MATTERS

Please provide your contact information and mail this sheet in an envelope to Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr.

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY/ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____
E-MAIL: _____



Check
the items
you would
like to receive.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee County Map | <input type="checkbox"/> Mitchell Park Domes Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> War Memorial Visitor's Guide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee County At a Glance | <input type="checkbox"/> Dogs in the Parks Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Hall of Fame |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transit Guide | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Course Map | <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor Mayo to meet with your organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee Public Museum Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee by Bike, on-street bike routes and off street trails | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee County Zoo Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Bikes on Buses Brochure | |

COMMENTS: _____

Transit Contract Awarded to Dallas Company

In July, Dallas-based MV Transportation was picked by a panel appointed by the County Executive to provide transit services to Milwaukee County. MV Transportation is a multi-national company, providing transit service in 28 states, Canada and Saudi Arabia.

Transit has been operated in Milwaukee County by Milwaukee Transit Services, Inc., since 1975, and MTS has filed a lawsuit seeking information on how the panel came to the decision to award the transit contract to MV Transportation. MTS also plans to appeal the panel's decision.

The difference between MV Transportation and MTS is that MV Transportation is a for-profit company; MTS is a not-for-profit. It is not clear at this time what effect a for-profit company will have on fares and routes in the County.

In the meantime, as Chairman of the Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee I will be monitoring the situation closely. I hope to hold a hearing on the issue so that the committee members can ask questions about the agreement and find out more about MV Transportation. The Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee will also review the panel's decision before sending it to the full County Board.

I believe that transit is one of the most important issues



facing our community. It is essential that the county provide safe and efficient transit services that get people to their jobs, to the grocery store or other important destinations.

It seems that the administration was not transparent with the County Board on this decision. We really don't know how each candidate for the contract was scored. I will be holding Transit Committee hearings during the day and at night to invite public comment on this decision.

I want to make sure the County Board and the public are fully informed before the Board makes a decision on the contract. The County Board will have the final say, and I hope to hear from you on this crucial issue.

Homeless in Milwaukee County Deserve Our Support; Homelessness Awareness Event in Dineen Park on October 29

On a daily basis there are more than 3,100 people in Milwaukee County who are chronically homeless. Many suffer from mental health issues, some are veterans, some are families with children, some are men and there is a growing problem of youth homelessness.

There were more than 6,600 people in Milwaukee County who were homeless at one point or another in 2012, according to the Wisconsin Department of Administration's Division of Housing. Of that number, almost 1,800 were children. That number is probably growing.

Meanwhile, funding for homeless shelters in Milwaukee County will be cut by \$600,000 in the 2014 Federal budget.

Homelessness is a crisis, and this is totally unacceptable.

The homeless deserve our support, and we must raise awareness of the issue in order to end this disgraceful situation in Milwaukee County.

I plan to hold an event to raise awareness and gather supplies for the homeless on Friday, October 29 at Dineen Park beginning at 8 p.m. At this event we will spend the night sleeping outdoors to show our support and raise awareness of the crisis of homelessness in Milwaukee County.

Several agencies are struggling to keep up with homelessness. **We need your support in helping the homeless with donations of personal items such as coats, blankets, hats, scarves and even toothbrushes.** These are items that are desperately needed by the homeless, and I hope you will participate in the event by bringing such items.

Please join me for this important event. For more information, call my office at 278-4241.



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Proud and Honored to Serve the 7th District

The 7th District is diverse, multi-cultural area. That makes it strong. I am proud to have served the 7th District for the past 19 years, and I am honored to have raised my family here.



Milwaukee County Free Days!

Complimentary admission to Milwaukee County residents ONLY with a valid photo ID on the following days:



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM

FREE the first Thursday of every month

Free for all visitors.
 Visit www.mam.org for additional information.



FREE on Mondays through end of 2013

Visit www.mpm.edu/visit/free-days/ for additional information.



FREE Days for 2013:
 November 2 and December 7
Special Holiday FREE Days:

Thanksgiving Day,
 Christmas Day &
 New Year's Day 2014
 Visit www.milwaukeezoo.org



FREE on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Excludes major holidays.
 Visit www.milwaukeedomes.org for additional information.