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Supervisor Taylor Thanks Finance Committee for Adoption of Amendment to Restore \$130,000 for Senior Center Operations

MILWAUKEE – Today the Milwaukee County Board’s Finance Committee adopted (5-1) an amendment by Supervisors Steve F. Taylor and Marina Dimitrijevic that will restore \$130,000 to be used for senior center operations across Milwaukee County.

“I support Milwaukee County tightening its belt, but not at the expense of our seniors. While we can’t restore every dollar that the County Executive proposed to cut from the Department on Aging’s budget, we can look at the feasibility of providing crucial services in more efficient ways, either by working with other potential partners or considering an in-house alternative,” said Supervisor Taylor, who currently serves as a member on the County’s Commission on Aging.

“Thank you to the Finance Committee for approving funding to reverse the County Executive’s cuts to senior centers. Budgets are statements of our community priorities and our amendment provides additional resources to the Department on Aging to keep our senior centers open five days a week, all year long. We must continue to ensure that Milwaukee County is a place where our older adults can age in place with every resource they need and deserve to do so,” said Supervisor Dimitrijevic, who previously served on the Commission on Aging for eight years.

The amendment calls for the Department on Aging to provide the County Board with a report on the possibility and cost of providing senior center programming with county employees or another contractor other than Interfaith, the current operator. Any plan or contract for senior center programming must require that senior centers are open five days a week, 52 weeks a year.

Supervisors Taylor and Dimitrijevic introduced their amendment in response to the County Executive’s budget proposal, which called for \$200,000 worth of cuts to the Department on Aging and its senior centers.

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