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Dear Friends:

On October 29th of last year, I voted to adopt the Fair Deal initiative. The Fair Deal initiative is a joint effort between the Milwaukee County Board and County Executive to identify and propose options for enhancing the long-term fiscal stability of Milwaukee County.

Currently, Milwaukee County struggles with a structural deficit as our costs to maintain basic services increase but our revenues have not. By state law, the sales tax cannot be increased any more than it already is while our property taxes and fees are already too high. Further, the state has not increased the amount of shared aid it gives to counties (See graph A) even though the economic recovery means Milwaukee County residents pay more to the state than they did ten years ago (see graph B).

The Fair Deal asks the state to reconsider the funding formulas to ensure Milwaukee County is treated fairly. As part of the Fair Deal resolution, a sixteen-person workgroup co-chaired by Board Chairman Theodore Lipscomb and County Executive Chris Abele was established to discuss practical options for partnering with the State of Wisconsin. I attended the most recent meeting on January 3rd and am pleased with the progress being made. **The workgroup's meetings are open to the public, so please consider joining me at the meetings on Thursday, January 10th and 17th at 2:30pm at the County Court House, Room 203R.**

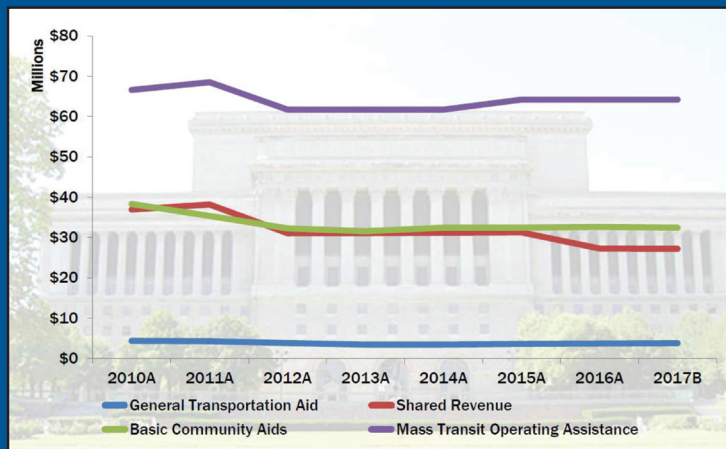
Sincerely,

Patti Logsdon
Milwaukee County Supervisor, District 9

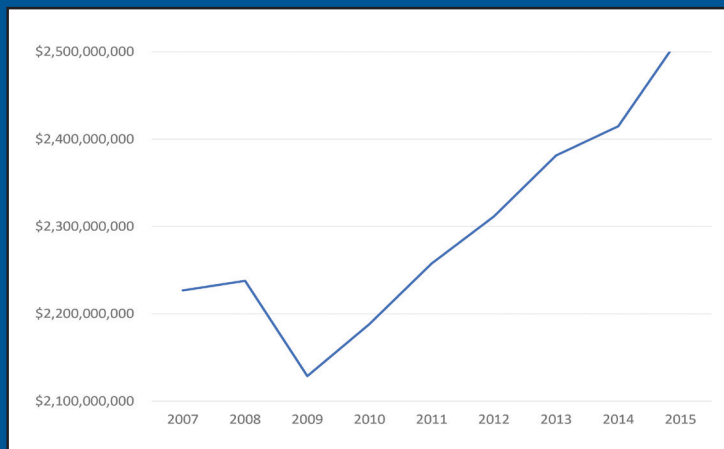


County Executive Chris Abele and Board Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr. co-chaired the first meeting of the Fair Deal Workgroup in December 2018.

GRAPH A - STATE AID TRENDS



GRAPH B - REVENUE TO STATE FROM MILWAUKEE COUNTY



Source: Milwaukee County Department of Administrative Services, File # 18-24 September Report