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A Fair Deal for Milwaukee County: Ensuring Milwaukee County's Fiscal Success
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Over 100 people attended the Fair Deal town hall jointly hosted by Supervisor Logsdon, Supervisor Staskunas, and Board Chairman Lipscomb. County Executive Chris Abele made a surprise visit to support the event.

Dear Neighbor:

Fall 2019

When I took my oath of office, I promised to faithfully discharge my duties. That promise marked my commitment to the 9th District to be fiscally responsible while meeting our needs. Milwaukee County's needs include the 9th District's needs, and I have stood tall for the priorities important to us.

I have worked hard advocating for common sense legislation, by working with a private donor to replace the walking bridge in Hales Corners Park, amending last year's budget to secure funding for important safety improvements to culverts on 31st and 34th Streets and College Avenue, and coordinating local and County efforts to improve the safety of students using a crosswalk on 13th Street near Oak Creek West Middle School.

My work is not done. Back in August, Milwaukee County Transit suggested cutting bus routes, including the Freeway Flyers, to close the 2020 budget gap. I am pleased to announce that many of the bus routes will be restored, including the Freeway Flyers. Please see page 2 for more information.

This year's budget cycle is again exposing a fundamental flaw in Milwaukee County's finances. Our expenses to provide basic services like infrastructure improvements and bus service continue to rise but our sources of funding are capped. State aids – the amount of money we residents send to the state and the state returns to Milwaukee County – has barely increased over the last ten years, even though the state's budget is better than ever. Combined with our already too high property taxes, Milwaukee County's long-term funding problems will only grow worse.

That is why I have worked with the County Executive and other members of the Board to craft the Fair Deal for Milwaukee County. The Fair Deal will help solve the long-term budgetary challenges we face, but only if you and I can convince our state legislators that this is the most responsible path forward. To learn more, see page 3.

I look forward to serving you in the upcoming year. If you have any questions, concerns, or need help navigating County government, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Patti Logsdon
Milwaukee County Supervisor, District 9

Please consider joining me at one of my two local

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

to discuss the County Executive's 2020 Recommended Budget.

Oak Creek

Wednesday, October 16th
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Oak Creek Community Center
8580 S. Howell Avenue

Franklin/Hales Corners

Wednesday, October 23rd
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Franklin Public Library
9151 W. Loomis Road

2020 Milwaukee County Budget

Budget at a Glance

In August, County departments began submitting plans to the County Executive for what next year's budget could look like. They received attention this year after Milwaukee County Transit suggested cutting bus routes, including the Freeway Flyers, to close the projected budget gap.

Using the requested budgets, the County Executive creates his Recommended Budget and submits that to the County Board of Supervisors. I am pleased to announce that after working with the County Executive, his Recommended Budget has restored many of the bus routes originally cut, including the Freeway Flyers.

Moving forward, my goal is to ensure that the Board keeps the restored routes funded when they finalize the budget on November 12th. **This is where I need your help: Would you please consider attending the annual Public Hearing on November 4th at the Marcus Center?** At the Public Hearing, all members of the Board will be present. This is your opportunity to tell them what you want in the budget. Hearing from you does make a difference, so please consider attending.

In other budget news, the County's budget gap was projected to be \$15 million. The budget has closed that gap by identifying \$6 million centralized savings. In addition to the centralized savings, another \$9 million was cut across all County Departments. **Importantly, the vehicle registration fee will not be increased.**

In addition to restoring many of the bus routes, the Recommended Budget also includes 15 new positions within the Sheriff's office. Safety is one of my top concerns, so I am glad to see this addition. On the note of safety, the House of Correction will be saving over \$2 million dollars by increasing their use of electronic monitoring for those on Huber.

The budgetary process constantly evolves, so to keep up with the most recent information, please attend one of my town halls. I look forward to seeing you there!

Budget Timeline

- APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2019**
Departments begin planning for the following year's budget, presenting plans which are used as suggestions by the County Executive to develop his Recommended Budget.
- OCTOBER 1, 2019**
On October 1st, the County Executive presents his Recommended Budget to the County Board.
- OCTOBER 7-11, 2019**
The County Comptroller reviews the Recommended Budget and publishes their annual "Overview."
- OCTOBER 14-18, 2019**
Departments brief the Finance & Audit – Budget Committee on their budget requests.
- OCTOBER 21-NOVEMBER 1, 2019**
County Supervisors present amendments to the Finance & Audit – Budget Committee, which recommends adoption or rejection.
- NOVEMBER 4, 2019**
The County Board holds a public hearing on the budget.
- NOVEMBER 12, 2019**
The County Board votes on amendments to the budget and then adopts the full budget.
- NOVEMBER 19, 2019**
Possible County Board meeting to consider County Executive vetoes (if any).

Legislation I've Supported

Listed below are a few of my legislative highlights this year.

Public Commentary

Did you know that the public cannot speak to the full County Board at our monthly meetings? I believe you have the right to speak to the full board and not just at committee meetings, so I co-sponsored a resolution to create a time for public commentary at Board meetings. Currently, more than two-thirds of Wisconsin counties have a scheduled time for public commentary at their monthly Board meetings. The Board will vote on this later this year.

2019 Budget Amendment

I authored a 2019 Budget amendment to replace two culverts/bridges at 31st and 34th Streets and College Avenue. The guardrails and concrete

were so deteriorated after years of deferred maintenance that the Highway Department put up concrete highway dividers on the sides to protect drivers.

Audit Investigation

I voted to authorize an audit on the Register of Deeds. I believe an audit was necessary to help ensure the integrity of all departments of Milwaukee County. I am so excited for the new Register of Deeds, Israel Ramón. After meeting with him and hearing his vision to improve the Register of Deeds, I've invited him to attend my town halls so you can meet him as well.

Minimum Use Pesticide and Herbicide Policy

I co-sponsored a resolution asking the Parks Department to create a minimum use pesticide and herbicide policy. We should not be using these chemicals anymore than necessary in the Parks that our communities use.

To see my full voting record, go to CLIC, select "People" and find my name. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

A Fair Deal for Milwaukee County Residents

Every year, you hear about the Milwaukee County budget gap and what services must be reduced and necessary maintenance or important infrastructural projects delayed to close the gap. Some of those cuts like consolidating thousands of square feet of office space are good and should have happened regardless of revenue. However, in recent years, the cuts to County services and amenities have started threatening public services we all rely on each day.

That's why last budget cycle I agreed to support the Fair Deal proposals. The Fair Deal addresses the root cause of our funding problems – a rapidly growing imbalance between the cost of providing services and the ability to generate sufficient revenue. The biggest area of concern is that the state has not increased the amount of shared aid it gives to counties even though the economic recovery means Milwaukee County residents pay more to the state than they did ten years ago. The Fair Deal addresses other issues you might not have heard about. For example, did you know that:

- By state law, Milwaukee County's sales tax cannot be increased, even if you voted in a County referendum to increase it?
- 80% of fees collected by the Register of Deeds and the County's Circuit Courts go to the state?
- Milwaukee County is the only one of 72 counties in Wisconsin required to pay for patrolling our freeways?

The County Board and County Executive Chris Abele have partnered to ask state legislators to consider its recommendations. The Fair Deal also has widespread support at all levels of government within the County. Not only has the County supported the proposal, but also your local



Supervisor Logsdon addressing over 100 attendees at a town hall held this April to discuss the Fair Deal Proposal.

communities. The Intergovernmental Cooperation Council – a 19 person council consisting of the mayors, village presidents, or city administrators within Milwaukee County – voted unanimously to support the Fair Deal in January. The Fair Deal proposals will help mitigate our financial difficulties without having tax increases as our only tool. Please consider calling your state legislator and telling them you support the Fair Deal for Milwaukee County.

As part of the Fair Deal, County leaders are proposing a 1% sales tax increase to fund County government. The state legislature would have to approve such a move. Because I understand that County finances are tight, the state's policies have forced us to look at different options to increase revenues to avoid cutting additional services. I would welcome your opinion on this important issue.



I Want To Hear From You

1. Before today, had you heard about the Fair Deal? Yes No
 2. Do you know your state legislators' position on the Fair Deal? Yes No
 3. Do you support the Fair Deal?..... Yes No
 4. Do you support raising the sales tax by 1%? Yes No
- If not, do you support cutting County services or deferring maintenance?.... Yes No



Name: _____ Email: _____

Comments: _____

To Submit: Please mail to Patti Logsdon, Milwaukee County Supervisor, 901 N. 9th St. Room 201, Milwaukee, WI 53233 or email your survey responses to patti.logsdon@milwaukeecountywi.gov.

Supervisor Logsdon in the Community

Thank you, Jane!

Earlier this spring, I and others had the privilege to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony at Hales Corners Park. One of the long-time residents of the park neighborhood – Jane Godfrey – graciously donated money to refurbish one of the walking bridges. She donated it, she said, to help make her neighborhood better and to encourage other similar acts of generosity. It was a pleasure of mine to work with her and the Parks director to make sure her goal was accomplished. At the ceremony, Jane gave a speech which is printed below:

"We have been in the Hales Corners Franklin area since 1964. And in those years, my husband Gary and I and our two children would walk and bike the trails in Whitnall Park and many others around our state including the Elroy-Sparta State Trail and parts of the Ice Age Trail."

"For 60 years, we admired the hard work that was done by workers during the depression to create them. We often expressed regret that tremendous amount of effort that was put into these trails and everything was falling into bad disrepair and that the trails and bridges would all be gone. How sad! We wondered if the government would ever have the money to restore the trails that so many families liked."

"Years passed, and I began walking along the footpath along the Hales Corners Creek and crossing over the dilapidated and decaying bridge along my walk. I got so disgusted with the condition of the bridge that I contacted my county supervisor and complained to her. She promptly swung into action. I asked her what it would cost to fix the bridge and offered to contribute to the cost. She was amazed that a citizen would volunteer to fix it. She swung into action and introduced me to the Milwaukee County Parks Director and by the end of 2018, there was a new bridge!"

"I learned that there are elected officials who will do something. They are few and far between. But I am very happy that Patti was nice enough to take me seriously and do something about the problem because, as some of you told me, a lot of people will be using the bridge. And some of you may be aware there is a [baseball] diamond over there which is used by many, many kids. Before, they didn't have a decent place to go, and now they do."



Jane, with Supervisor Logsdon, Senator David Craig, and Parks Director Guy Smith, after cutting the ribbon at the ceremony.

Around the County



Clockwise from top left:

1. Speaking with constituents from Hales Corners at the County Executive's 2020 Budget Open House
2. Attending a neighborhood association meeting at the Oak Creek City Hall
3. Presenting a citation to Oak Creek middle school student Julianna Havas for academic excellence on a research project about local and County parks
4. Speaking at the Bender Park Beer Garden opening

Supervisor Logsdon was recently appointed by Governor Evers to the Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council.



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Supervisor Logsdon Invites You to Enjoy These FREE Milwaukee County Attractions

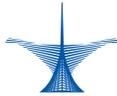


Thank You Thursday
Free general admission to MPM on the first Thursday of every month.

Visit mpm.edu for more info.



Family FREE Days & Special Holidays 2019:
10/5, 11/2, 12/7,
Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day.
Visit milwaukeezoo.org for more info.



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM

FREE for all visitors the first Thursday of every month

Visit mam.org for more info.



FREE the first Thursday of every month for County residents
Excludes major holidays.

Visit milwaueedomes.org for more info.

VILLA TERRACE
DECORATIVE ARTS MUSEUM

FREE for all visitors the first Wednesday of every month

Visit villaterrace.org for more info.

Charles Allis
Art Museum

FREE for all visitors the first Wednesday of every month

Visit charlesallis.org for more info.



Boerner Botanical Gardens
9400 Boerner Dr., Hales Corners
September 13 – October 20, 2019

**Lantern Displays • Cultural Entertainment
Food & Beverage • Weekend Themes**

- Sept. 13-15 – Opening Weekend
- Sept. 20-22 – Treasures Weekend
- Sept. 27-29 – Asian Cuisine/Chicago Weekend
- Oct. 4-6 – Moon Festival Weekend
- Oct. 11-13 – Cultural Weekend
- Oct. 18-20 – Closing Weekend

SAFE PARKS?
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Help the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office keep our parks safe by downloading the MCSO Mobile App! Use the QR codes to download for Android (left) or iOS (right)!

Submit anonymous tips, report criminal activity in our parks and receive alerts from MCSO.

Search "MCSO Mobile App" to download!



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- County Executive Chris Abele..... 278-4212
- Parks..... 257-7275
- Transit..... 937-3218
- County Clerk..... 278-4067
- Sheriff** **278-4788**
- Register of Deeds..... 278-4021
- Veterans Services..... 266-1234
- Department on Aging..... 289-6874
- Clerk of Circuit Courts 278-5362
- Mental Health Crisis Hotline****257-7222**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Village of Hales Corners..... 529-6161
- City of Franklin..... 425-7500
- City of Oak Creek 766-7000

For legislative files, agendas, minutes and schedules for all Milwaukee County committee and board meetings, please visit the County Legislative Information Center at:

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Join **Milwaukee County Supervisor Patti Logsdon** and representatives from County Government for an important discussion about the future of Milwaukee County and the County Executive's 2020 Recommended Budget

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