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JOSEPH J. CZARNEZKI • COUNTY CLERK

**MEMO**

**DATE:** August 29, 2012  
**TO:** The Honorable County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Joseph J. Czarnezki, County Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Vetoed File Returned

The County Executive has returned to my office the following file:

**File No. 12-623** – A communication related to changing the line of reporting for the Department of Labor Relations from the County Executive to Corporation Counsel.

This resolution was adopted by a vote of 17 ayes – 1 noe at your meeting of July 26, 2012.

The County Executive has vetoed this resolution and attached is a copy of his veto message wherein he states his objection.

This matter is now before your honorable body.

Joseph J. Czarnezki, County Clerk



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

*Milwaukee County*

CHRIS ABELE • COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DATE: August 28, 2012

TO: The Honorable Milwaukee Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive

RE: Veto of County Board File No. 12-623 on a Resolution directing that the Department of Labor Relations remains as a stand-alone department.

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I am vetoing County Board File No. pursuant to the authority granted to me by Article IV, Section 23(a) of the Wisconsin Constitution and Section 59.17(6) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The County Board adopted a resolution on July 26, 2012 that the Department of Labor Relations shall remain as a stand-alone department, with its staff intact, that reports directly to the County Executive until such time that policymakers approve a change to the structure of the organizational chart which is adopted and approved as part of the annual budget.

I am vetoing this file because the County Board does not have the authority to direct the administration on this matter.

As part of my administrative responsibilities, I have the full authority to direct departments on where to report. Given my concern that the Board has over-reached on this matter,

I requested an outside legal opinion. That opinion is very clear that the power to control day-to-day operations and the organization of county departments rests with the County Executive.

According to Wisconsin State Statute 59.17 (2)(a), the County Executive's duties and powers are to "coordinate and direct all administrative and management functions of the county government not otherwise vested by law in other elected officers."