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From the Executive Director, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC), presenting Redistricting Maps, J, K, L, K1, K2, and M for consideration and selection of a new map by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors pursuant to the criteria and specifications in Section 3.01 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances and Wis. Stat. § 59.10, by recommending adoption of the following:

AN ENGROSSED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors created an Independent Redistricting Committee (IRC) in Section 3.01 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinance (MCGO), composed of six retired judges “in the interest of good government reform” in File No. 15-691, which the County Board of Supervisors amended in File No. 21-567 to account for extraordinary circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.01(2)(a) of the MCGO specifies the IRC shall comply with the following criteria:

- 1. Federal equal population mandates
- 2. Reapportionment criteria established by federal and state laws
- 3. Upholding minority voting rights pursuant to the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965
- 4. Drawing district boundaries which strive to maintain the integrity of existing neighborhoods and communities of interest

; and

WHEREAS, the IRC prioritized the criteria of Section 3.01(2)(a) of the MCGO in the following order:

- 1. Honoring the intent of the Voting Rights Act of 1965
- 2. Respecting municipal boundaries
- 3. Equalizing the population between districts within +/- four percent
- 4. Making the districts as compact as possible

; and

WHEREAS, the IRC was mindful of the Wisconsin redistricting case, *Baldus v. Members of the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board*, 849 F.Supp. 2d 840 (E.D. Wis. 2012), particularly Section 3.5: Voting Rights Act Claim of Latinos; and

42 WHEREAS, after due deliberation of many different maps drafted with the
43 technical assistance of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
44 (SEWRPC), the IRC recommended three separate redistricting maps that were
45 ultimately rejected by the County Board of Supervisors, including:

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- 47 • Map E – Rejected 10/01/2021 in File No. 21-898
- 48 • Map K – Rejected 10/13/2021 in File No. 21-955
- 49 • Map L – Rejected 10/22/2021 in File No. 21-972

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52 WHEREAS, Section 3.01(4)(e) of the MCGO states in part: “If the county board
53 does not adopt the proposed third draft map within five (5) days, the county board shall
54 proceed to develop and adopt a map directly, without further IRC consultation, following
55 procedures in s. 59.10(2)(a), Wis. Stats., and related provisions;” and

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57 WHEREAS, upon the rejection of Map L, the third and final map from the IRC,
58 the County Board provided verbal feedback to SEWRPC staff as to the map alternatives
59 that could be presented to the County Board for review, selection, and approval; and

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61 WHEREAS, the Executive Director of SEWRPC provided six different
62 redistricting maps to the County Board for their review and determination as to which
63 version, if any, should be adopted; and

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65 WHEREAS, these versions include Maps J, K, L, K1, K2, and M to allow the
66 County Board several alternatives from which to choose a final map; and

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68 WHEREAS, at its meeting on October 27, 2021, the Committee on Judiciary,
69 Safety and General Services reviewed the map alternatives and decided to recommend
70 **either** Maps **K1 or M** to the County Board of Supervisors for adoption (vote 5-0); ~~now,~~
71 ~~therefore, and~~

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73 **WHEREAS, at its meeting on October 29, 2021, the County Board of**
74 **Supervisors considered Map K1, and approved several amendments to Map K1**
75 **(hereto attached to this file), to help create the “Tentative Supervisory District**
76 **Plan”;** ~~now, therefore,~~

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78 BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the criteria and specifications in Section 3.01 of
79 the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, Wis. Stat. § 59.10, and relevant
80 case law, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts **the Tentative**
81 **Supervisory District Plan Maps ~~K1 or M~~**, hereby attached to this file, as the proposed
82 redistricting plan for elections to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for
83 elections beginning in 2022; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the County Clerk and Office of Corporation Counsel, working in conjunction with other staff as needed, to transmit the approved map to municipalities in Milwaukee County to develop local ward maps.

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