

**County of Milwaukee**  
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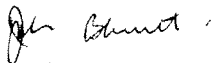
**Date:** October 30, 2012  
**To:** Mark Borkowski, Chair, Judiciary, Safety, & General Services Committee  
**From:** John Barrett, Clerk of Circuit Court / Register in Probate  
**Subject:** Foreclosure mediation project extension, October 2012 through December 2013

The Milwaukee County Clerk of Circuit Court's Office is requesting the extension of the partnership with our department, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, and the Metro Milwaukee Mediation Services, Inc. to extend the foreclosure mediation project through December 2013.

This successful program works to create an effective foreclosure intervention strategy to keep families in their homes that otherwise would have been displaced by foreclosure. Since 2009, 85% of families assisted have been within Milwaukee County. In addition, services are being expanded to bring foreclosure mediation services to regional centers in the State of Wisconsin with significant concentrations of foreclosure filings not presently being served.

I am respectfully requesting that your committee support this program extension at your December regular meeting and thus forward the resolution to the County Board for approval.

Signed,



John Barrett  
Clerk of Circuit Court / Register in Probate

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