COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE Inter-Office Communication

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To:

Supervisor James "Luigi" Schmitt, Chair, Committee on Finance and Audit

From:

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Subject:

Update - Data Center Access Review

In June 2016, we provided an overview of the informational report "Audit of Cybersecurity" (File No. 16-352) to the Committee on Finance and Audit. Due to the confidential nature of the findings and recommendations in the report, our overview was presented in closed session. The work underlying the report was conducted by Experis Finance, Risk Advisory Services (Experis) under a contract with our office.

In January 2017, we presented a separate informational report, "Cybersecurity Audit: Controls over Physical Access to the County Data Centers" (File No. 17-78) conducted by the Audit Services Division. This report was also discussed in closed session.

Both reports set forth a series of recommendations focused on improving internal controls relating to data security at Milwaukee County. A series of combined status reports describing Information Management Systems Division's progress toward implementation of our recommendations were presented in closed sessions of Committee.

At this point we would like to report our follow-up on a number of recommendations from the data center report. Due to the confidential nature of the information associated with the findings and recommendations, we request that this item be presented in closed session.

This status report is informational and we plan to provide a combined cybersecurity and data center status report for the September 2019 committee cycle.

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