

FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

1 By Supervisor Weishan

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A RESOLUTION

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4 authorizing and directing Corporation Counsel to retain outside legal counsel to review the
5 provisions of State reform legislation (AB 85 and SB 95) to assess the authority of its
6 provisions and to provide guidance on the implementation of all State imposed governance
7 changes in Milwaukee County

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9 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 85 and its companion, Senate Bill 95, propose sweeping
10 changes to the current governance model of Milwaukee County; and

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12 WHEREAS, if enacted, the legislation would require significant changes to the
13 current Milwaukee County governance model, including needed changes to the Code of
14 General Ordinances; and

Final move
Referral to
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16 WHEREAS, a review of all of the provisions of the State legislation will help
17 determine if any of the changes unjustly target just one county in violation of other State
18 laws and assess the impact on minority populations in the most diverse county in the State;
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21 WHEREAS, the retention of outside legal counsel would relieve the Corporation
22 Counsel from opining on these controversial matters involving the future governance
23 model for Milwaukee County as dictated by the provisions of State reform legislation; now,
24 therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED, the Corporation Counsel is authorized and directed to retain
27 outside legal counsel to examine the provisions of Assembly Bill 85 and Senate Bill 95 to
28 determine if the legislation's provisions, which would only affect Milwaukee County, are in
29 conformance with all other laws and provisions, especially as they impact minority
30 populations; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that outside counsel shall provide legal guidance to
33 Milwaukee County policymakers in enacting any reforms approved as part of the
34 aforementioned State legislation.