

Committee on Finance-Budget on 2022-10-17 6:00 PM - HYBRID BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

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Meeting Time: 10-17-22 18:00

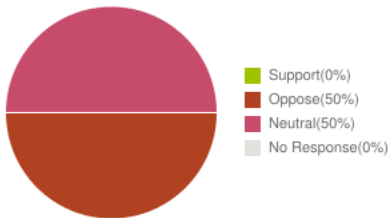
eComments Report

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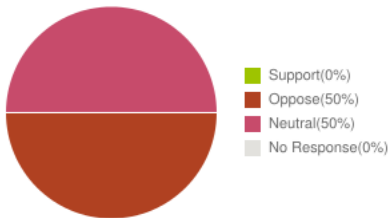
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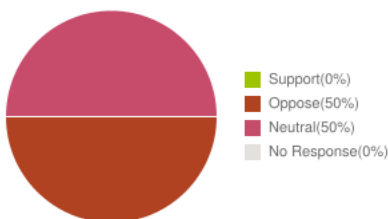
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Ax DeLessio-Parson

Location:

Submitted At: 6:00pm 10-17-22

I write to express my continued support for two primary areas: (1) parks, with the hope that in the future we will see a Milwaukee County home to even more vibrant green spaces and safe play areas; and (2) public transport, with the hope that we can start imagining a system that looks like it belongs to the 21st century. For example:

what will it take to improve bus shelters – can we add charging ports, signs that display departure/arrival times, and WiFi to accompany riders on their journey? Such investments matter enormously as we seek to build infrastructure that helps people transition away from cars.

When it comes to budget cuts: I implore you to find ways to reduce the budget of the Office of the Sheriff. Research studies have demonstrated that institutions such as jails built to deprive others of their freedom produce trauma not only for those incarcerated, but also for those who work in these spaces. We need to take science seriously and use it to not simply change the names of places, but to implement transformational policies that shift away from punitive/retributive mindsets and towards restorative/healing practices.

Alex Larson

Location:

Submitted At: 5:54pm 10-17-22

This budget does not concretely address the systemic racial issues that plague the county, as policing and the economic exploitation within the carceral system is still being funded at high levels, while other services are cut.

From 2020 to the current budget year of 2023, \$17M in expenditures has been added to the MCSO budget. How does such a heavy investment in policing, coexist with the County's commitment to racial equity?

Also, the combined sheriff and CRC "revenue loss" from charging those in the custody of the county less for phone visitation, why does revenue need to be generated from this in the first place? It is estimated that this costs impacted families in the County \$5.1M annually, a \$250,000 reduction in those costs is a slap in the face to this community.

In addition, what good will \$320,000 do to improve the quality of the food served in the CRC, when there is still privatized food service that overcharges and exploits those in the care of the County and their families?

We continue to invest in these systems of harm, rather than fund dire needs of other departments and the community at large. The medical examiner's office is at risk of losing accreditation due to a lack of staff, transit lines being cut, parks finally getting an increase but it comes after years of cuts, and still there are many under-resourced areas in this county that need more funding such as affordable housing, and an even larger investment in mental health services than what is being proposed here.

It's been said that we need to be intellectually honest about where the County is financially, well at what point do we address the ever-growing MCSO budget, at the cost of a whole host of other County needs being unmet?

I urge the County Board of Supervisors to introduce and pass amendments to this budget to allocate more funding to areas that serve the citizens of this County, rather than more and more money, year after year, going to policing.

Thank you for your time.