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2 Supervisors Taylor (District 5), Martin, Clancy, Vincent,
3 and Burgelis
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File No. 22-662

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6 **A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE**
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8 To modify Chapter 106 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances to
9 reestablish the Milwaukee County Commission on Youth and align its priorities with
10 Milwaukee County's mission and vision to achieve racial equity and to allocate \$27,000
11 from the Appropriation for Contingencies to the Office of Strategy, Budget, and
12 Performance for 2022 Commission expenses
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15 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Commission on Youth (the "Commission")
16 was created in 2002 to serve as a representative body for youth in Milwaukee County;
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19 WHEREAS, among its duties, the Commission was tasked with receiving and
20 evaluating program proposals from youth groups within the County and could allocate
21 funding for groups to fulfill their proposals, if approved by the Milwaukee County Board
22 of Supervisors; and
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24 WHEREAS, the mission and vision of Milwaukee County have evolved
25 substantially since 2002 and the structure of duties of the Commission must also be
26 evaluated if it is to be reestablished and modernized; and
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28 WHEREAS, the commission provides Milwaukee County youth with valuable
29 experience serving their community and encourages civic engagement and interaction
30 with local government, which can be expanded by allowing the Commission to evaluate
31 and make advisory recommendations about policy and budgetary decisions to the
32 Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors; and
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34 WHEREAS, it is important that the Commission reflect the diversity of Milwaukee
35 County, which can be achieved by working with municipal school districts and youth
36 groups to recruit candidates; and
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38 WHEREAS, the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance estimates
39 approximately \$27,000 will be needed to fund the expenses of the Milwaukee County
40 Commission on Youth in 2022, which could be provided through an allocation from the
41 Appropriation for Contingencies; and
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43 WHEREAS, the funds will help provide resources such as devices to connect to
44 meetings, food for in-person meetings, and small meeting stipends (~\$12.50/hour); and
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46 WHEREAS, updating Chapter 106 of the Milwaukee County Code of General
47 Ordinances is necessary to modernize the Milwaukee Commission on Youth; and
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49 WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, at its meeting of
50 May 17, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-662 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,
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52 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby supports
53 reestablishing the Milwaukee County Commission on Youth and updating its duties and
54 powers to align with the mission and vision of Milwaukee County to achieve racial
55 equity; and
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57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
58 hereby authorizes the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance, working in
59 conjunction with the Office of the Comptroller, to process an appropriation transfer for
60 \$27,000 from Agency 194 – Countywide Non-Departmental, Org. Unit 1945 –
61 Appropriation for Contingencies to Agency 118 – Office of Strategy, Budget, and
62 Performance, Org. Unit 1116 – Project Management Office, Account 60907 – Sundry
63 Services, to cover 2022 expenses for the Milwaukee County Commission on Youth; and
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65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance
66 is authorized to use the allocated funds to provide items to Commissioners such as
67 devices to connect to meetings, food for in-person meetings, and modest meeting
68 stipends; and
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70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
71 hereby amends Chapter 106 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances by
72 adoption of the following:
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74 **AN ORDINANCE**
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76 The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Milwaukee does ordain as follows:
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78 **SECTION 1.** Section 106.01 of the General Ordinances of Milwaukee County is hereby
79 amended as follows:
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81 **106.01. - Purpose.**

82 The Milwaukee County Commission on Youth is created to serve as a
83 representative body for youth in Milwaukee County government. The commission shall
84 work in partnership with the county board ~~and~~, the county executive, ~~the community of~~
85 ~~promise advisory council and the state agency Alliance for Wisconsin Youth~~ to
86 serve and advance the interests of Milwaukee County youth, make advisory
87 recommendations about policy and budgetary decisions to the Milwaukee County
88 Board of Supervisors, and to advance the county's mission of achieving racial
89 equity.
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91 SECTION 2. Section 106.03 of the General Ordinances of Milwaukee County is
92 hereby amended as follows:

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94 **106.03. - Selection of commissioners.**

95 (1) *Application.* A candidate for the commission on youth ~~may~~ **must** request an
96 application from his or her county board supervisor, **the county executive, or**
97 **access it on the county website.** Completed applications shall be submitted to
98 the county executive's office where they shall be retained until requested by the
99 selection committee. The commission has sole authority to determine when
100 applications may be submitted.

101 (2) *Selection committee.* Upon adoption of this ordinance, an initial selection
102 committee shall be created to select the first youth commissioners. The initial
103 selection committee will consist of two adults and three youth (age 18 or under)
104 who will be jointly appointed by the county executive and the county board
105 **chairman chairperson.** The initial selection committee shall review all
106 applications **by utilizing published criteria** and interview prospective
107 commissioners. The initial selection committee shall submit the names of the
108 first commissioners to the county board for confirmation. Once seated, the
109 commission on youth will appoint from within its ranks a selection committee of
110 not less than five (5) commissioners. The selection committee will determine
111 when applications may be submitted, conduct application reviews, interview
112 candidates, and submit names to the ~~community of promise advisory council~~
113 **county board of supervisors** for confirmation. In the event that an insufficient
114 number of applications are received, the remainder of the commission shall be
115 **jointly** appointed by the county executive and **county board chairperson and**
116 confirmed by the ~~community of promise advisory council~~ **county board of**
117 **supervisors.**

118 (3) *Qualifications.* At the time of selection, commissioners shall be a resident of
119 Milwaukee County, and shall:
120 (a) Have achieved high school status;
121 (b) Currently attend high school or alternative school ~~or demonstrate the intent~~
122 ~~to attend a high school or alternative school;~~ **and** ~~or~~
123 (c) Have met other qualification criteria as established by the commission under
124 106.04.

125 **(4) Commission Make Up. The commission shall be made up of at least 20**
126 **youth including:**

- 127 (a) **At least 1 commissioner per supervisory district**
128 (b) **county board chairperson appointee will serve as co-chair**
129 (c) **county executive appointee will serve as co-chair**
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131 **SECTION 3.** Section 106.04 of the General Ordinances of Milwaukee County is
132 hereby amended as follows:

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134 **106.04. - Criteria for selection.**

135 The selection committee may add additional criteria in an effort to ensure that the
136 commission is reflective of both the cultural and geographic diversity of Milwaukee
137 County **and, notwithstanding section 106.03(1) above, may work with school**
138 **districts within the county to solicit candidates or distribute applications.**

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140 **SECTION 4.** Section 106.05 of the General Ordinances of Milwaukee County is
141 hereby amended as follows:

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143 **106.05. - Duties; powers.**

144 The duties and powers of the commission shall be as follows:

- 145 (1) **The commission shall draft, adopt, and amend its governing bylaws**
146 **with the assistance of the commission’s adult supervisors and**
147 **relevant county departments and divisions.**
- 148 ~~(1)(2)~~ (2) The commission shall have the authority to receive program proposals
149 from youth groups within the county and shall have the authority to allocate
150 funds for the execution of such proposals as authorized by the county
151 board.
- 152 (3) **The commission shall review policy and budget proposals that impact**
153 **youth within the county and shall provide advisory recommendations**
154 **to policymakers for consideration.**
- 155 (4) **The commission shall promote an annual “Take Your Child to Work**
156 **Day” throughout the county.**
- 157 ~~(2)(5)~~ (5) The commission shall at least annually make a report of its activities to
158 the ~~committee on parks, energy and environment~~ **county board of**
159 **supervisors** and the county executive.
- 160 ~~(3)~~ ~~The commission shall designate representative(s) to attend the~~
161 ~~community of promise advisory council and provide that body with a~~
162 ~~periodic briefing.~~
- 163 ~~(4)(6)~~ (6) The commission may **assess the effectiveness of county programs**
164 **and services in positively involving and impacting youth** ~~conduct~~
165 ~~evaluation and monitoring activities, including but not limited to~~
166 ~~reviews and on-site visits.~~
- 167 ~~(5)(7)~~ (7) The commission shall be **empowered available** to advise the county
168 board, **and** the county executive ~~or the community of promise advisory~~
169 ~~council~~ on any other matter deemed necessary to protect and promote the
170 interests of Milwaukee County youth.

172 **SECTION 5.** Section 106.07 of the General Ordinances of Milwaukee County is
173 hereby amended as follows:

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175 **106.07. - Adult advisors.**

176 The work of the commission shall be aided by five adult advisors.

177 (1) *Composition* - The **chairman chairperson** of the county board shall appoint
178 two (2) adult advisors, one (1) of which shall be a county supervisor; the county
179 executive shall appoint two (2) adult advisors; the commission shall appoint
180 one (1) adult advisor.

181 (2) *Terms* - Of the adult advisors appointed to serve the first commission, one
182 appointed by the **chairman chairperson** of the county board and one
183 appointed by the county executive shall each serve one (1) year. The terms of
184 the remaining three (3) adult advisors, and all adult advisors appointed
185 subsequently, shall be two (2) years. **Adult advisors may be reappointed to**
186 **subsequent terms.** The commission may recommend to the appointing
187 authority the removal of an adult advisor with a majority vote **of the appointed**
188 **commissioners.**

189 (3) *Duties* - Adult advisors shall assist in coordinating all training for the youth
190 commission. Adult advisors shall attend meetings of the commission as well as
191 meetings of the committees to which they are assigned. Adult advisors have no
192 voting privileges and serve only in an advisory capacity.

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194 **SECTION 6.** Section 106.08 of the General Ordinances of Milwaukee County is
195 hereby amended as follows:

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197 **106.08. - Length of term.**

198 Of the commissioners selected by the initial review panel under [section] 106.03,
199 half, or the best approximation thereof, shall be appointed to terms that end January 1,
200 **2004 2024** and the balance shall be appointed to terms that end January 1, **2005 2025**.
201 Commissioners selected to serve on subsequent commissions on youth shall serve **a**
202 **maximum of (2)** two-year terms.

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204 **SECTION 7.** Section 106.09 of the General Ordinances of Milwaukee County is
205 hereby amended as follows:

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207 **106.09. - Open meetings.**

208 All business meetings of the commission and its consulting committees shall be
209 publicly held and open to all citizens at all times as required by s19.81 et seq., Wis.
210 Statutes. **The commission may convene and meet to conduct business remotely**
211 **via telephone conference, video conference or other electronic communication**
212 **provided that the meeting is live streamed, televised live or otherwise broadcast**
213 **live to the public.**

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215 **SECTION 8.** Section 106.10 of the General Ordinances of Milwaukee County is
216 hereby amended as follows:

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218 **106.10. - Cooperation.**

219 The county board shall provide for meeting rooms as may be required for the
220 conduct of commission business. All departments and divisions of county government
221 shall assist with and support the activities of the commission. **The county clerk shall**
222 **provide staffing assistance to the commission and ensure facilitation of its**
223 **meetings and adherence to open meeting requirements.**

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225 **SECTION 9.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and
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