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5 **A RESOLUTION**
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7 Requesting the Office on Equity, working in conjunction with the Office of Corporation
8 Counsel and Department of Administrative Services – Procurement Division, to develop
9 and recommend a procedure to collect and disseminate Social Justice data for vendors
10 seeking business with Milwaukee County
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13 WHEREAS, on April 17, 2020, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
14 adopted File No. 20-174, creating Milwaukee County General Ordinance Chapter 108 –
15 Achieving Racial Equity and Health and further resolved “by achieving racial equity, the
16 County will eliminate health and opportunity gaps along racial lines, and will increase
17 the success of all groups by distributing resources justly across all communities”; and
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19 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County enters into numerous agreements each year to
20 provide programs, goods, and services on behalf of Milwaukee County residents; and
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22 WHEREAS, efforts have been made to examine the County’s procurement
23 processes to ensure racial equity contracting, as evidenced by the Racial Equity and
24 Contracting Workgroup led by the Department of Health and Human Services (File Nos.
25 20-403 and 21-588); and
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27 WHEREAS, in 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “Injustice anywhere is a threat
28 to justice everywhere”; and
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30 WHEREAS, “Social Justice” is justice in terms of the distribution of wealth,
31 opportunities, and privileges within a society; and
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33 WHEREAS, a January 2022 article in *Investopedia* says “the idea of social
34 justice is that all people should have equal access to wealth, health, well-being, justice,
35 privileges, and opportunity, regardless of their legal, political, economic, or other
36 circumstances”; and
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38 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County should develop a framework to collect and
39 disseminate the social justice efforts of potential vendors that will be paid with public
40 funds; and
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42 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of March 17, 2022,
43 recommended adoption of File No. 22-393 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,
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45 BE IT RESOLVED, the Office of Equity, working in conjunction with the Office of
46 Corporation Counsel, Department of Administrative Services – Procurement Division,
47 and others such as the Racial Equity and Contracting Workgroup, is requested to
48 develop a methodology and procedures to collect social justice information from
49 vendors seeking County contracts; and

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51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Equity is requested to provide a
52 report to the County Board of Supervisors no later than the July 2022 meeting cycle on
53 the ability to collect social justice information on various types of contracts and
54 recommendations on how the information can be collected and disseminated to
55 decision makers prior to the approval of contract awards.

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