

1 Supervisor Anthony Staskunas, Chairperson,
2 From the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, reporting on:

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4 File No. 16-113

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6 (ITEM) A resolution by Supervisors Haas and Weishan, Jr., requiring the
7 Milwaukee County Executive to provide informational reports to the Milwaukee County
8 Board of Supervisors, and notification to the Office of the Sheriff on placements by
9 Milwaukee County, its agents, or contractors of sexual offenders, or those charged with
10 a sexual offense in the community, by recommending adoption of the following:

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12 **A SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION**

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14 WHEREAS, on June 1, 1997, the State of Wisconsin enacted the Sex Offender
15 Registration and Community Notification Law (1995 Wisconsin Act 440) allowing the
16 collection and dissemination of information related to certain sex offenders; and

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18 WHEREAS, the sex offender registry was created to furnish law enforcement
19 and the public with specific information about sex offenders so that the community can
20 develop constructive plans to protect themselves and their families; and

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22 WHEREAS, despite gains made by the sex offender registry, Milwaukee County
23 (the County) has an opportunity to fill information gaps and provide time-sensitive
24 notification to Milwaukee County residents on the placement of sex offenders; and

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26 WHEREAS, a public forum and timely notification will allow County residents to
27 voice their opinions, become educated on the issues, prepare safety plans, and
28 educate their children; and

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30 WHEREAS, County residents deserve the most reliable and timely information
31 regarding sex offenders placed in their community; and

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33 WHEREAS, under Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes), the Department of
34 Corrections (DOC) provides access to information concerning sex offenders to law
35 enforcement agencies, including the sheriff of any county; and

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37 WHEREAS, State Statutes provide that upon an individual's placement on the
38 sex offender registry, including updates related to residence, education, or employment,
39 the DOC shall immediately make the information available to the sheriff of any county
40 through a direct electronic data transfer system; and

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42 WHEREAS, State Statutes also provide the sheriff of any county with discretion
43 to provide any of the information to which he or she has access to the general public, if
44 in the opinion of the sheriff, providing that information is necessary to protect the public;
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46 WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, at its
47 special meeting of March 17, 2016, recommended adoption of this substitute resolution
48 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

49 BE IT RESOLVED, the Office of the Sheriff is requested to provide notification
50 and an informational report to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County
51 Board) advising the public of all registered sex offender placements in the community in
52 the past 18 months that the Sheriff deems a matter of public safety; and
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54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is the policy of Milwaukee County (the County)
55 that when the Office of the Sheriff is notified through a direct electronic data transfer by
56 the Department of Corrections (DOC) of the pending placement into the County of a
57 registered sex offender who is on parole or extended supervision, that the Sheriff is
58 requested to provide notification and an informational report to the County Board
59 advising the public of the location of the placement related to safety concerns; and
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61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is the policy of Milwaukee County that when the
62 Office of the Sheriff is notified through a direct electronic data transfer by the DOC of
63 the placement into the County of a registered sex offender, the Sheriff is requested to
64 provide notification and an informational report to the County Board advising the public
65 of the location of the placement related to safety concerns.
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