

Committee on Finance-Budget on 2024-10-15 4:00 PM - HYBRID BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

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Meeting Time: 10-15-24 16:00

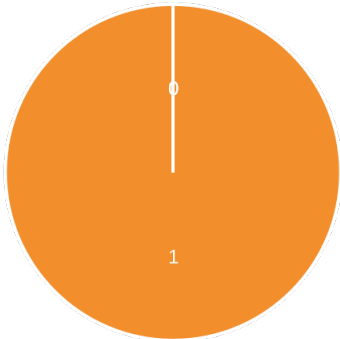
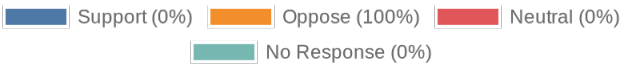
eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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Sentiments for All Meetings

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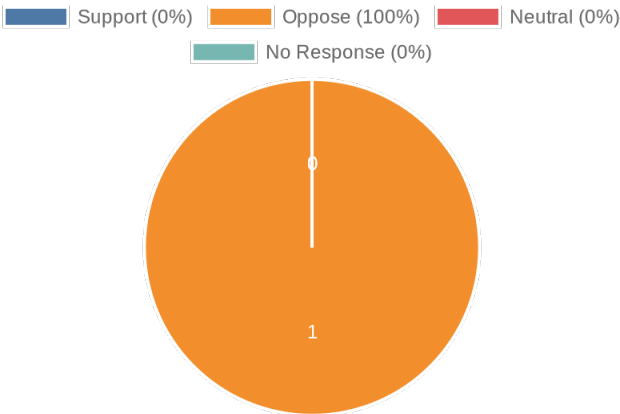
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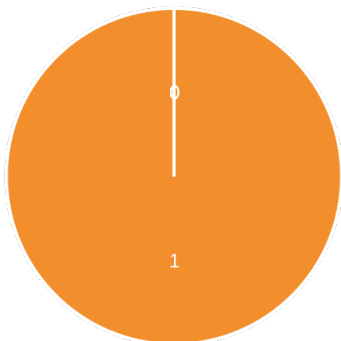


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Overall Sentiment

Support (0%) Oppose (100%) Neutral (0%)
No Response (0%)



Lauryn Cross

Location:

Submitted At: 3:29pm 10-15-24

Hello members of the County Board Committee on Finance,

My name is Lo Cross and I am one of the Co-chairs with the Milwaukee Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression. I'm submitting comment opposing the proposed county budget as is. First of all I wanted thank the county supervisors who are working tirelessly to balance the county's pocketbook and fund sustainable communities. MAARPR just wants to continue to draw your attention to the needs of the oppressed in the county. Mainly, the needs of those affected by conditions in MCSO and the court system.

Too many people have died in the County Jail for there not to be a solid understanding of the objective factors that contribute to overtime. Responding to feedback on high staff turnover with an increase in wages is incredibly reactive. Considering the fact that there has been minimal transparency as to what elements are contributing the toxic work culture that's causing turnover. The staffing survey will be a great addition to the investigation of conditions in MCSO. Hopefully it leads to a more accurate RSF factor. Although, Transparency alone won't lead to the creative solutions we need to resolve the issues with overtime spending. I'm sure we are all aware of the sometimes toxic working conditions in hospitals and of the fights at chucky cheese (for some reason) for quite some time now. A simple increase in wages and staffing is not going to resolve the issues going on, in their totality, at either of these places. What's going to change the conditions in the county jail is holding the office accountable.

There needs to be a line drawn between mandated funding to MCSO, and funding for resources in the community that keep people out of jail/the court system. There are more things that we can do to offset the need to fund more MCSO positions in court operations. Like funding resources that keep people out of court in the first place. Resources and programs like the credible messenger program and right to counsel. Credible messenger

programs have an incredible success rate, programs with a mentorship process that helps to keep kids out of the system. Funding institutions like the Domes and beautifying green spaces is a great way to keep crime down. It gives community members alternative things to do and keeps communities in Milwaukee more regulated. These resources, programs and institutions would not only benefit Milwaukee in the short term, but in the long term. It would be absolutely wrong to defund those programs, increase bailiff positions, and fund the operating costs for it by stealing \$1 million in healthcare costs from county workers.

No to funding 9 new sheriff deputy positions. No to making drastic changes to employee healthcare out of pocket costs. Yes to supporting the Domes reimagined project . Yes to funding credible messenger and the right to counsel. And yes to creating a strong future for the county we know and love. You all work hard and diligently, some more than others, for the constituents of this county. Let's make sure that it results in qualitative and long term changes in Milwaukee.