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## Letter of Support - ECD File #20-174

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Good morning,

Please use the attached letter of support to include in the Economic & Community Development committee File #20-174. The attached letter confirms Milwaukee County's Office on African American Affairs support to seek Board approval for the Racial Equity/Health Equity Ordinance.

Please advise, if there are any additional items needed, please let me know.

Best Regards,



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April 7, 2020

Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
Milwaukee County Courthouse  
901 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 201  
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Re: Ordinance 20-174 requesting to create a chapter in the Milwaukee General Ordinance, titled Achieving Racial Equity

Dear Mr. Chairman and Supervisors,

I'm writing to support Ordinance 20-174, requesting the County Board of Supervisors to create a chapter in the Milwaukee County General Ordinance, titled Achieving Racial Equity and Health. The ordinance commits Milwaukee County in collaboration with its departments, to advancing the strategic priority of achieving racial equity to improve the health of the entire community by eliminating any racism in the County's policies, procedures, practices, and power structures. Given the current global pandemic, Coronavirus (COVID-19), it is essential more now than ever, for Milwaukee County to approve Ordinance 20-174.

The Office on African American Affairs (OAAA) was created in 2016 via resolution (15-636) with the following objectives: the examination and definition of issues central to the rights and needs of African Americans; recommendations for changes in programs and laws that disparately impact African Americans; development and implementation of policies, plans, and programs related to the special needs of African Americans; and the promotion of equal opportunities for African Americans.

Furthermore, as noted to File No. 19-416 (Informational Report – Office on African American Affairs Racial Equity Update), government has a key role in advancing racial equity; to help develop an inclusive and effective democracy. Historically, government has played a role in creating and maintaining racial inequities. Policies and practices have created and continue to create disparate results (even when the intention to sustain racial inequities are not present). The overall goal of the Office on African American Affairs is to improve the disparate outcomes that impact the underserved communities, those communities consisting of people of color; and this ordinance supports the operation and objectives of the office.

The Office on African American Affairs (OAAA) has led the organization's equity work in support of the countywide goal of improving equitable service delivery and organizational culture; by using an equity lens and framework - implementing county-wide trainings and the Racial Equity Ambassador Program. Obtaining full County Board support for this ordinance will ensure racial equity efforts will continue to support enterprise-wide initiatives by addressing racial bias in decision making through the implementation and use of racial equity tools, trainings and evidenced based models.

As part of OAAA's long-term vision to eradicate racial inequities, the office is embracing the Government Alliance on Race & Equity (GARE) national framework of: *Normalizing, Organizing and Operationalizing*. Using GARE's three-pillar model, ensures that Milwaukee County will deliberately work to sustain racial equity by developing long-term solutions. This framework also incorporates the use of tools for improved equitable decision-making and incorporates the voice of 'community'; creating more impactful programs and services.

It is imperative to highlight the strong community push to drive a collaborative effort across all units of government; at the local, regional, state and federal levels. Creating an inclusive Racial Equity plan starts at the top and must include all elected officials. This ordinance does just that. I encourage each and every member of the board to support this important ordinance to ensure that disparate outcomes, those currently being experienced by the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, are never again repeated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicole', written in a cursive style.

Nicole M. Brookshire

Executive Director, Milwaukee County's Office on African American Affairs

**From:** [Frederick Reinke](#)  
**To:** [SH County Board Economic and Community Development](#)  
**Subject:** County Board and Irgens.  
**Date:** Monday, April 06, 2020 3:13:11 PM

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Why am I not surprised that Irgens Developer chose a time to present their case when the public citizens could not be present...that should be a RED FLAG to the County Board about their intentions.....unless you are actually in cahoots with them in planning this..  
I am ashamed of all of you...but what do you care? I don't think you care at all...\$\$\$, good lawyers, greed,,,is what you have. Citizens only have a VOICE. And this time, no opportunity to be present to speak..  
Do you have a short memory about the County Grounds? This is a 20 year battle, and still going on...  
I have no respect for you...and don't reply with "all the good things you do"...  
I don't even believe anything you say any more..  
A disgruntled citizen....I can almost hear you laughing at my letter..."just another emotional outburst".  
Rita Reinke  
1848 Lundington Ave, Wauwatosa, WI

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**From:** [bwhite](#)  
**To:** [SH County Board Economic and Community Development](#)  
**Subject:** Postpone hearing on Ergens proposal until after current meeting restrictions are lifted. Allow ALL who want to participate do so without limitation. Virtual meetings unfairly favor those who can afford appropriate technology.  
**Date:** Monday, April 06, 2020 10:52:34 AM

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**To:** [SH County Board Economic and Community Development](#)  
**Cc:** [Schmitt, James](#); [SH County Executive](#)  
**Subject:** Today's agenda item 5: Irgens  
**Date:** Monday, April 06, 2020 10:26:01 AM

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To the Economic and Community Development Committee:

Please add my voice to the many who are urging you to postpone consideration of the Irgens development proposal for Innovation Campus in Wauwatosa. These radical changes in project restrictions for that property should not be rushed through the County Board under cover of the coronavirus/Covid-19 pandemic while the public is restricted from participating in person.

Please postpone any committee or full board consideration of the Irgens proposal until it is safe for the public to participate.

Thank you for your consideration.

PETER ABBOTT  
Chair, County Grounds Coalition

**From:** [Mark Molinski](#)  
**To:** [Shea, Steven](#); [Martin, Felesia](#); [Sebring, Dan](#); [Wasserman, Sheldon](#); [Cullen, Eddie](#); [Alexander, Deanna](#); [Slaskunas, Anthony](#); [Dimitrijevic, Marina](#); [Haas, Jason](#); [Weishan, John](#); [Schmitt, James](#); [Taylor, Sequanna](#); [Lipscomb, Theodore](#); [Nicholson, Marcella](#); [Logsdon, Patti](#); [Johnson Jr, Willie](#); [Ortiz, Yolea](#); [Sylvia](#); [SH County Board Economic and Community Development](#)  
**Subject:** File Number: 20-234: Public Comment - Delay Amendment Review/Vote beyond 4/6  
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Dear Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors:

The Monday April 6 County Board meeting agenda shows that developer Mark Irgens wants to amend prior agreements and develop an office park on Innovation Campus (Agenda--Item 5: 20-234). But because of coronavirus concerns, there will be no Public Hearing. The previous County Grounds developments have upheld significant public engagement. This issue is not urgent enough to sacrifice public transparency. Conducting a non-public meeting now is inappropriate.

Please put this vote off until after the coronavirus pandemic no longer precludes public hearings. Insist that there is adequate notice and opportunity for in-person public input to uphold transparency.

Sincerely,  
Mark Molinski  
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New Berlin, WI 53151

**From:** [Marge](#)  
**To:** [Anita Hagan](#); [Mike Andryszuk](#); [Linda Antczak](#); [David, Alan](#); [Briana Olson](#); [Judith bagdonas](#); [Barbara Mariga](#); [Carol Johnson](#); [Dhiraj Madura](#); [Dick Johnson](#); [Covert, Tracy](#); [SH County Board Economic and Community Development](#); [Fred Zimmerman](#); [La Yonne Gilson](#); [John haugen](#); [Hestv, rodriguez](#); [Hatcher, Shelly](#); [Isabelle Cohen](#)  
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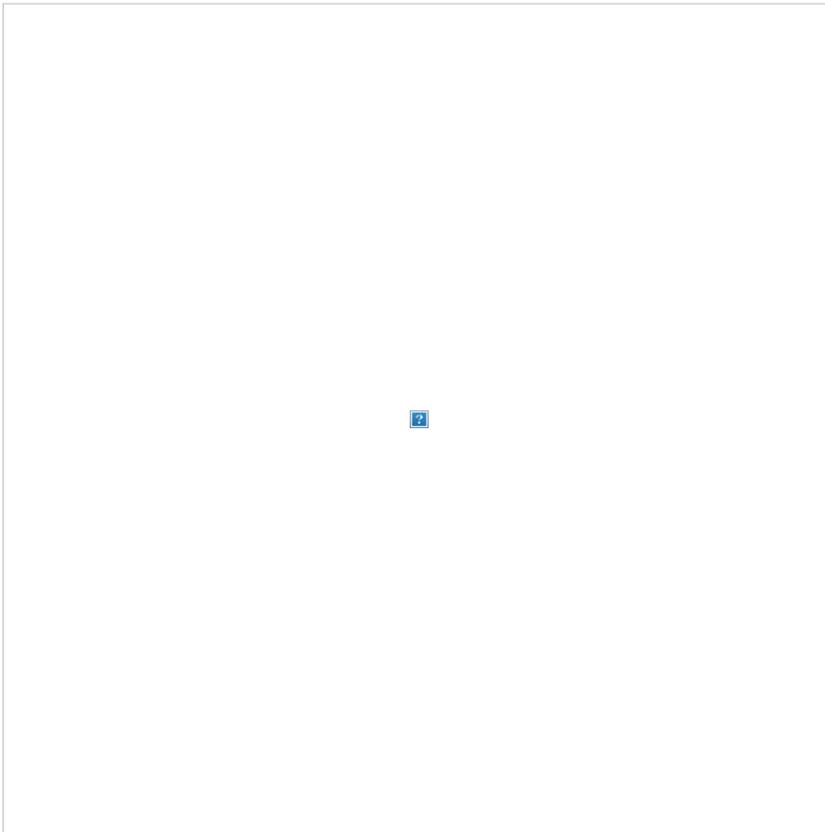
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(Note: The Pandemic was in 1918 and was known as the "Spanish Flu," because Spain was the only country that released data publicly, so people mistakenly thought that the flu started in Spain. The first recorded case in the world was actually that of a soldier at Ft Riley , Kansas. As the flu spread in the US and Europe, leaders kept the data a secret to avoid mass fear and panic.

Stay well. Stay home. Know that you are in my thoughts!



"Our greatest freedom is the freedom to choose our attitude." V.Frankl