

1 By Supervisors Burgelis, Shea, Coggs-Jones, Clancy, Johnson, Jr., Zerpa and  
2 Taylor (5)

3 File No. 22-993  
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6 **A RESOLUTION**  
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8 Encouraging Election Day turnout in Milwaukee County through the provision of no-cost  
9 bus service and paratransit trips to polling places on November 8, 2022; and allocating  
10 \$63,000 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies to Org. Unit 5600-  
11 5683 Milwaukee County Transit System to cover costs related to providing no-cost  
12 service to transit and paratransit passengers  
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15 WHEREAS, inscribed on the eastern façade of the Milwaukee County  
16 Courthouse are words, "*Vox populi vox Dei*", Latin for "The voice of the people is the  
17 voice of God"; and  
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19 WHEREAS, Founding Father Thomas Paine once wrote, "The right of voting for  
20 representatives is the primary right by which other rights are protected"; and  
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22 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County is often behind other Wisconsin counties in  
23 turnout of eligible and registered voters, as evidenced by the 2020 turnout of registered  
24 voters:

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- 26 • Dane County: 89.3%
- 27 • Milwaukee County: 83.67%
- 28 • Ozaukee County: 92.55%
- 29 • Washington County: 94.66%
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33 WHEREAS, for many people, transportation to their polling place can be an  
34 impediment to voting, effectively disenfranchising them from the electoral process; and  
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36 WHEREAS, the estimated cost to provide transit and paratransit service at no  
37 cost to the passengers on Election Day is estimated to be \$63,000; and  
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39 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County wishes to display the importance of voting and  
40 encourage all citizens to fulfil their civic duty of voting unencumbered by allowing no-

41 cost access to public transit, and providing no-cost paratransit trips to a person's polling  
42 place on Election Day; and

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44 WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation and Transit, at its meeting of  
45 September 6, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-993 (vote 4-1); and

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47 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of September 15, 2022,  
48 recommended adoption of File No. 22-993 (vote 4-3); now, therefore,

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50 BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County hereby supports and encourages all  
51 eligible electors to vote on Election Day on November 8, 2022, and authorizes bus  
52 services and paratransit rides at no cost to passengers to a person's polling place; and

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54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
55 hereby authorizes and directs the Office of the Comptroller and the Department of  
56 Administrative Services to process an administrative transfer of \$63,000 from Org. Unit  
57 1940-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies to Org. Unit 5600-5683 Milwaukee County  
58 Transit System to cover costs related to providing bus service and paratransit trips to a  
59 person's polling place at no cost to passengers on November 8, 2022; and

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61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is not the intent of this resolution to add an  
62 additional day or provide any form of reimbursement to weekly or monthly transit passes  
63 which have already been purchased.

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