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JOSEPH J. CZARNEZKI • COUNTY CLERK

MEMO

DATE: August 29, 2012
TO: The Honorable County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Joseph J. Czarnezki, County Clerk
SUBJECT: Vetoed File Returned

The County Executive has returned to my office the following file:

File No. 12-586 – A resolution relating to County Land Sales and the procedure for the disposition of real estate.

This resolution was adopted by a vote of 15 ayes – 3 noes at your meeting of July 26, 2012.

The County Executive has vetoed this resolution and attached is a copy of his veto message wherein he states his objection.

This matter is now before your honorable body.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph J. Czarnezki".

Joseph J. Czarnezki, County Clerk



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Milwaukee County

CHRIS ABELE • COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DATE: August 28, 2012

TO: The Honorable Milwaukee Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive

RE: Veto of County Board File No. 12-586 on County Land Sale Procedures

I am vetoing County Board File No. pursuant to the authority granted to me by Article IV, Section 23(a) of the Wisconsin Constitution and Section 59.17(6) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The County Board adopted a resolution on July 26, 2012 relating to County Land Sales and the process for the disposition of real estate.

Since taking office last year I have worked hard to grow economic development opportunities for Milwaukee County. This work is starting to have a positive impact for residents in the form of new jobs, increased tax base and a better future for Milwaukee County.

The business community wants clarity and predictability in the process. After years of staying away from Milwaukee County, developers and real estate professionals say they are now happy to work with my office and the board again. This resolution as drafted reduces both clarity and predictability in the process. That uncertainty will reduce the number of developers willing to engage with the County and reduce the opportunities for policymakers to make progress on economic development. In addition, the resolution does not insulate policymakers from potential perceived conflicts of interest. This resolution, while not intended, will hinder any progress that we have made in economic development and possibly destroy any credibility that we have built up over the past 16 months. For these reasons I am vetoing it.

While the ECD staff did not have an opportunity to give input into the creation of this resolution, the Director of the Economic Development Division has been working with Supervisor Jursik to amend the language of the current resolution.

We look forward to presenting a process to the ECD Committee in the upcoming cycle that allows policymakers to have control over final decisions and allows the administration to use its expertise to present the Board with recommendations.

I urge the Board to sustain my veto and work with me as a partner to put a land sale plan in place that is clear and allows us to continue and build on the gains we have made in economic development in Milwaukee County.