

Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson's Testimony  
Resolution No. [24-567](#)

A resolution/ordinance amending Section 1.11 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances to expand the membership of the Committee on Parks and Culture from five committee members to seven.

July 9, 2024

Dear Committee Chair Sheldon A. Wasserman & Committee Members,

Thank you for scheduling File 24-567. After the spring election, many Supervisors expressed interest in serving on the Committee of Parks and Culture. Before you today is a resolution proposing the expansion of the Committee from five members to seven.

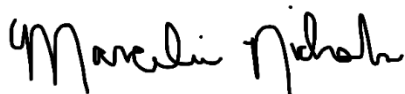
Our constituents call for open, green spaces. Our County Parks are beloved, and in need of modernization and beautification. County parkland remains in the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. As Supervisors propel the County's vision to make our community a healthier place for all, investing in park services and keeping County parkland accessible is mission critical.

With these values in mind, many Supervisors asked me to appoint them to serve on the Board's Committee on Parks and Culture. Due to ordinance limitation, I'm able to appoint only 5 Supervisors to this committee where we need purposeful and meaningful representation through diverse perspectives.

Because it was important to me that Parks hear this file first, and that your voices are amplified, I asked Judiciary for a delay in their committee's review of this proposed change to our Chapter 1 rules.

Your perspectives, insight, and recommendation will help drive the Board's decision on this committee's makeup. Thank you for the time in consideration of this file.

In partnership,



Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman  
District 10, Supervisor

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