

Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement and General Services on 2024-09-10 9:00 AM - REVISION #4

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Meeting Time: 09-10-24 09:00

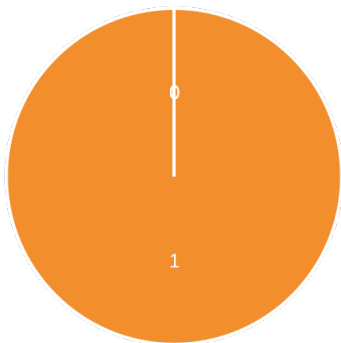
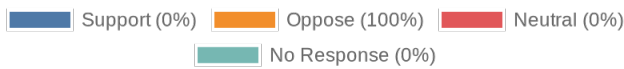
eComments Report

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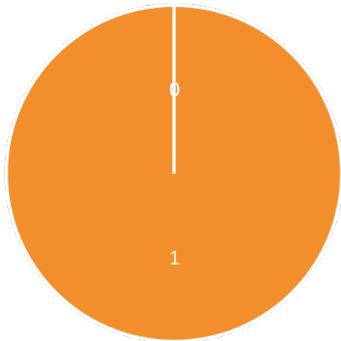
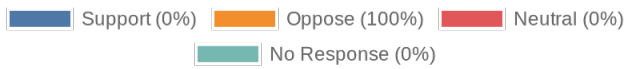
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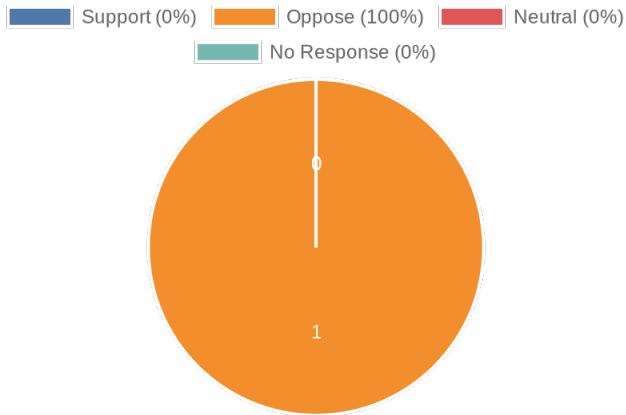
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Lauryn Cross

Location:

Submitted At: 10:46pm 09-09-24

My name is Lo Cross and I am one of the Co-chairs with the Milwaukee Alliance Against Political Repression. I am submitting an e-comment to speak in favor of County Supervisor Justin Bielinski's amendment regarding the reallocation of ARPA funds. MAARPR spent quite some time struggling with the county board and the Milwaukee County Sheriff's office for transparency in the jails and overall the impact that the sheriff's office had on county funding. The budget deficit the county is in is not surprising, we warned of the issues that come with county funding being attached to the Sheriff's overtime budget. Specifically in not holding MCSO accountable for overtime.

Continuing to fund overtime without accountability from the sheriff's office to address the issues in the jail is a recipe for disaster. The Sheriff's overtime deficit is a far larger problem than the \$353,602 allocated under the original resolution, and as we'll hear later on in this agenda, there is an ongoing dispute between the chief judge and the Sheriff as to what exactly an appropriate staffing level is. It's very possible that number could change, and not in the favor of the county.

Accepting this amendment would help to bring about several things like:

- Continuing grant funding for the Drug treatment and Veterans through 2025
- Fund the mental health treatment court coordinator position with ARPA dollars so that the tax levy could be used for other important considerations.
- Reducing jail days, reducing recidivism rates, and possibly increasing referrals away from criminal court - not to mention the difference it could make in the lives of the justice-involved individuals and their families

It's also important to point out, that improving conditions in county jails will help to support the many Black, Brown, and Indigenous folks the Jails disproportionately impact. I know we all want to resolve the Sheriff's

overtime budget crisis, but we should do so in an equitable fashion.