File No. 17-255

A resolution by Supervisors Lipscomb, Sr., and Mayo, Sr., authorizing the Office of Corporation Counsel, and the Office of Government Affairs, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, to request that the City of Milwaukee rezone the Courthouse Complex, which consists of Clas Park, the Criminal Justice Facility, and the Courthouse as park land, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the powers granted to the County Executive per Wisconsin Act 55, enable the County Executive to have unilateral authority to enter into certain contracts at the Milwaukee County Courthouse (the Courthouse) without the oversight and/or approval of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board); and

WHEREAS, the parcels of land that make up the Courthouse Complex are zoned C9D(A) (Civil Activity), not as a park, and consists of Clas Park, the Criminal Justice Facility, and the Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Corporation Counsel opined in a memo dated January 26, 2017, that the County Executive, per Wisconsin Act 55, has the unilateral authority to lease the Courthouse, and the authority to sell the Courthouse with the agreement of the Comptroller or an appointed representative of the Milwaukee County Intergovernmental Cooperation Council, and that neither transaction requires a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, significant developments in the Courthouse Complex Planning Program are on the County Board's agenda, including File No. 16-673, which was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, as well as File No. 17-207, which is scheduled to come before the County Board in the March 2017 cycle; and

WHEREAS, to ensure legislative oversight and transparency over the Courthouse Complex and future planning, it is prudent to request that Clas Park, the Criminal Justice Facility, and the Courthouse be rezoned as parkland; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its meeting of March 8, 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 17-255 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Office of Corporation Counsel, in conjunction with the County Board's Legislative Liaison of the Office of Government Affairs, to facilitate a request that the City of Milwaukee rezone the parcel of land containing Clas Park, the Criminal Justice Facility, and the Milwaukee County Courthouse as parkland; and

46	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Corporation Counsel and the Legislative
47	Liaison will assist with the rezoning process as needed.
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