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A resolution/ordinance by Supervisor Lipscomb, Sr., to amend Sections 77.03(a) and (b) and 77.04(d) and (f) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances regarding the Social Development Commission and facilitation of the Board of Commissioners’ governance processes, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, in 1963, the Social Development Commission (SDC) was established as an intergovernmental commission, pursuant to Section 66.0125 of the Wisconsin State Statutes; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, the SDC became the Community Action Agency for Milwaukee County (the County); and

WHEREAS, the SDC is comprised of 18 commissioners representing low-income residents of the County, public officials, and private entities; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the SDC is to ensure that all County residents have equal access to the resources needed to help them achieve economic self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the SDC provides career, financial, nutrition, residential, senior, wellness, youth, and tax assistance to residents of the County through community partnerships and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, in September, 2018, the SDC Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution proposing several minor changes to both the County and the City of Milwaukee ordinances governing the commission; and

WHEREAS, the changes are intended to avoid conflict of interest situations, facilitate the nomination and election of commissioners, and revise term limit provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, at its meeting of January 24, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-157 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County affirms the work of the Social Development Commission to allow “people in poverty influence over policies and resources impacting their lives”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby amends Sections 77.03 (a) and (b) and 77.04(d) and (f) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances by adopting the following:

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48 **AN ORDINANCE**
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50 The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Milwaukee does ordain as
51 follows:
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53 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 77 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances is
54 hereby amended as follows:
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56 77.03. – Composition of commission.
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58 (a) The commission shall be comprised of eighteen (18) citizens residing in the
59 county, each of whom shall hold the title of commissioner. The commission shall
60 be nonpartisan and shall include representatives of the clergy and minority
61 groups. One-third of the commission shall be representative of low income
62 residents of the county; one-third of the commissioners shall be representatives
63 of public officials; and one-third of the commissioners shall be representatives of
64 private agencies and organizations in the county. In selecting individuals other
65 than low income representatives to serve as commissioners, consideration shall
66 be given to persons having expertise in legal, financial and management
67 services needed to oversee and direct the business of the commission. No
68 person may serve as an appointed or elected commissioner while such person is
69 an employee of the agency.
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71 (b) The six (6) commissioners representing low income residents shall be
72 democratically selected as follows:

- 73 1. The county shall be divided into six (6) districts, each containing
74 approximately equal numbers of low income residents based on the data
75 of the most recent federal census. "Low income resident" means a
76 resident who is a member of a household in which the annual household
77 income is less than one hundred twenty-five (125) percent of the poverty
78 line as determined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human
79 Services;
- 80 2. A commissioner shall be elected in each district by the residents of the
81 district through popular election. Any resident of the district who is at least
82 eighteen (18) years old and who presents verified nomination papers
83 signed by at least ~~two hundred (200)~~ fifty (50) other adult residents of the
84 district may be a candidate in the election; ~~and~~
- 85 3. An individual may be elected to represent a particular district by write-in
86 ballots if satisfactory evidence is provided to establish that the individual is
87 a resident of the district and at least 18 years old; and
- 88 ~~3~~ 4. The election shall be conducted under the supervision of the staff of the
89 commission who shall follow procedures reasonably designed (i) to assure
90 a fair and orderly election process, and (ii) to create public awareness that
91 the election is for a commissioner who will represent low income people in
92 the community served by the commission.

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- (c) The six (6) commissioners representing public officials and agencies shall be appointed as follows:
1. One (1) commissioner appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee;
 2. One (1) commissioner appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Board of Supervisors of Milwaukee County;
 3. One (1) commissioner appointed by the Governor of the State of Wisconsin;
 4. One (1) commissioner appointed by the Superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools and confirmed by the Board of School Directors of the Milwaukee Public Schools;
 5. One (1) commissioner appointed by the President of Milwaukee Area Technical College; and
 6. One (1) commissioner appointed by the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

- (d) The six (6) commissioners representing private agencies and organization in the county shall be appointed as follows:
1. One (1) commissioner appointed by United Way of Greater Milwaukee, Inc.;
 2. One (1) commissioner appointed by the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee;
 3. One (1) commissioner appointed by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce;
 4. One (1) commissioner appointed by the African-American Chamber of Commerce;
 5. One (1) commissioner appointed by the Milwaukee County Labor Council, AFL-CIO; and
 6. One (1) commissioner appointed by the Greater Milwaukee Committee.

77.04. – Term of office of commissioners.

- (a) The following commissioners appointed or elected prior to July, 1998, shall serve terms of one (1) year:
1. The commissioner appointed by the Superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools;
 2. The commissioner appointed by the Governor, State of Wisconsin;
 3. The commissioner appointed by the Milwaukee Area Technical College;
 4. The commissioner appointed by United Way of Greater Milwaukee, Inc.;
 5. The commissioner appointed by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; and
 6. The commissioner appointed by the Milwaukee County Labor Council, AFL-CIO.
- (b) The following commissioners appointed or elected prior to July, 1998, shall serve terms of two (2) years:
1. The commissioner appointed by the Mayor of the City of Milwaukee;

- 139 2. The commissioner appointed by the County Executive of Milwaukee
140 County;
- 141 3. The commissioner appointed by the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee;
- 142 4. The commissioner appointed by the Interfaith Conference of Greater
143 Milwaukee;
- 144 5. The commissioner appointed by the African American Chamber of
145 Commerce; and
- 146 6. The commissioner appointed by the Greater Milwaukee Committee.
- 147 (c) Low income representatives elected prior to July, 1998, shall serve terms of
148 three (3) years.
- 149 (d) The term of each commissioner elected or appointed after July, 1998, shall be
150 for three (3) years, with the exception of the 2019 election of the six low income
151 representatives. With respect to those six representatives the following will apply:
- 152 1. The commissioners elected to represent districts 1 and 2 in the Spring of
153 2019 shall serve for a one (1) year term;
- 154 2. The commissioners elected to represent districts 3 and 4 in the Spring of
155 2019 shall serve for a two (2) year term; and
- 156 3. The commissioners elected to represent districts 5 and 6 in the Spring of
157 2019 shall serve for a three (3) year term.
- 158 Any vacancy in the position of commissioner shall be filled for the unexpired term
159 in the same manner as the original appointment. Any vacancy in the position of
160 an elected commissioner with at least 24 months left to serve shall be filled for
161 the unexpired term in the same manner as the original election. Any vacancy in
162 the position of an elected commissioner with fewer than 24 months left to serve
163 may be filled by a process whereby an ad hoc Nomination Committee of the
164 Board presents a candidate or candidates to the Board for election by the full
165 Board of Commissioners to serve out the unexpired term.
- 166 (e) Every person appointed or elected as commissioner shall take and file the official
167 oath with the County Clerk of Milwaukee County.
- 168 (f) No person may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms as a commissioner,
169 excluding service as a member of any predecessor of the commission. Provided,
170 however, that if a commissioner fills a vacancy for an un-expired term with 12
171 months or less to serve, the un-expired term will not count as a term with regard
172 to the prohibition against serving more than two (2) terms.
- 173 (g) A commissioner may be removed from office for such cause and in such manner
174 as is provided in the bylaws of the commission.

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176 **SECTION 2.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon passage
177 and publication.