

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED FUNDING FOR MILWAUKEE
COUNTY PARKS, INCLUDING SENIOR CENTERS**

Proposed by the Advocacy Committee of the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging

June 3, 2019

WHEREAS, Senior Centers have been the cornerstone of aging programs and services for many years in Milwaukee County and,

WHEREAS, Senior Centers provide a broad range of excellent programs, including nutrition, transportation, outreach, physical fitness, prevention of social isolation, and much more and,

WHEREAS, the five Senior Centers are located in Milwaukee County Parks and the County Parks have faced years of “deferred maintenance” which impacts Senior Center buildings but not the excellence in programming and,

WHEREAS, despite the deferred maintenance the County Facility Assessment Report states that the Senior Center buildings are “in good condition” that their “highest and best use is continued use as a senior center” and “with repairs should continue to serve as senior centers for many years.” and,

WHEREAS, there is a five county 0.1 percent sales tax to pay for the Milwaukee Brewers Stadium and Milwaukee’s share of that tax is approximately \$10 million a year, and the tax may no longer be needed for the stadium by 2019 and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Legislature would have to approve the continuation of the tax for another purpose which is consistent with the Milwaukee County “Fair Deal” idea of raising more revenues for Milwaukee County and,

WHEREAS, the voters approved (52% to 48%) a non-binding referendum in 2008 to increase the county sales tax by one penny with the revenues earmarked for county parks and transportation,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging urges the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the Milwaukee County Executive to take all necessary steps to obtain approval for continuing the Brewer Stadium tax and earmarking the revenues for maintenance of Milwaukee County Parks, including Senior Centers.

A Tax to Benefit All the People of Milwaukee County!