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A resolution by Supervisors Nicholson, Johnson, Jr., Shea, Ortiz-Velez, and Taylor, creating the ONE Milwaukee Taskforce to convene leaders from Milwaukee County, the City of Milwaukee, and Milwaukee Public School District for the purpose of making practical recommendations to share costs and resources, collaborate, and coordinate on potential capital infrastructure and operational needs to better serve the people of Milwaukee, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County), the City of Milwaukee (the City), and the Milwaukee Public School District (the District), have a common interest to improve the lives and conditions of Milwaukee residents; and

WHEREAS, the County, City, and District may share many of the same administrative and service needs; and

WHEREAS, the County, City, and District all have increasing fiscal pressures due to a combination of: costs-to-continue rising faster than revenues, rising pension obligations, stagnant revenue sources, and forced reliance on property taxes, as evidenced by the creation of the Fair Deal for Milwaukee County Workgroup (File Nos. 18-751 and 19-161), and the Move Forward MKE initiative (File No. 19-831); and

WHEREAS, other communities around the State of Wisconsin (the State) have successfully combined services and shared costs in the provision of local government services; and

WHEREAS, some research the Wisconsin Policy Forum has compiled provides examples of potential combined service and cost-sharing arrangements between different local governments in the State; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin – Madison’s Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) finds, under its Wisconsin Poverty Measure, that the County has the highest poverty rate in the State, at a rate of 17.2 percent in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the IRP has reported, based on data compiled by the United States Census Bureau, that in the County, 28.7 percent of Blacks, and 18.7 percent of Latinos were poor, compared to 8.3 percent of Whites; and

WHEREAS, it is commonly understood that persons in poverty face higher rates of infant mortality, lead contamination, incidence of sexually-transmitted diseases, lower educational attainment, crime incidence, unemployment and underemployment, and housing instability; and

46 WHEREAS, disparate and parallel efforts over several decades have failed to
47 address these problems in a sustained and meaningful way; and

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49 WHEREAS, the County, City, and District share a common interest to improve
50 the lives and conditions of Milwaukee residents, and an obligation to do so as
51 cost-effectively as possible; and

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53 WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, at its meeting of
54 February 6, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-137 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

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56 BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County (the County), pending mutual affirmation,
57 hereby co-establishes a joint taskforce with the City of Milwaukee (the City) named the
58 "ONE Milwaukee Taskforce" (the Taskforce), to convene area leaders to perform the
59 following duties:

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- 61 1. Identify infrastructure coordination and resource-leveraging opportunities
62 between the County, City, and the Milwaukee Public School District
63 (the District).
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 - 65 2. Recommend any operational or other potential opportunities for coordination
66 and collaboration between the County, City, and District.
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 - 68 3. Propose cost-saving and cost-sharing agreements where resources may be
69 aligned to create opportunities for bridging infrastructure gaps to create
70 inclusive and sustainable service pathways to improve outcomes for
71 Milwaukee communities.
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 - 73 4. Ensure that all proposals and agreements are comprehensive, place-based,
74 and data-driven.
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 - 76 5. Focus efforts on Milwaukee communities identified as "Promise Zones."
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 - 78 6. Work toward advancing the priorities identified in the County Strategic "One
79 County One Plan," the Blueprint for Peace, and MKE Elevate plan.
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 - 81 7. Monitor and regularly report on the progress of any agreements.

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85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Taskforce shall have six members, including:

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- 87 1. The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) Chairman or his
88 designee.
 - 89 2. A County Board Supervisor who shall be appointed by the County Board
90 Chairman.
 - 91 3. The Milwaukee Common Council (the Council) President or his designee.

- 92 4. A Council Alderman who shall be appointed by the Council President.
93 5. The District Superintendent or his designee.
94 6. The Milwaukee Board of School Directors (the Directors) President or his
95 designee.

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99 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Taskforce members shall elect their
100 chairperson by simple majority, and the City Clerk shall provide staffing to support the
101 Taskforce; and

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103 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Taskforce shall form and meet as soon as
104 practicable, and shall present its findings to the County Board, the Council, and the
105 Directors within six months of both resolutions' passage.

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