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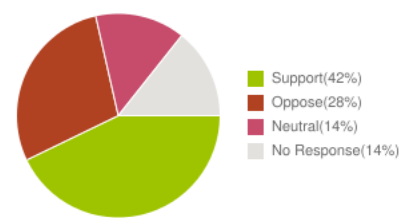
**eComments Report**

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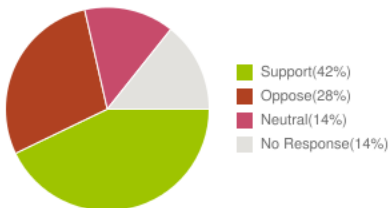
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
10 21-555 A resolution to create a Task Force to review and recommend funding allocations to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for monies received by the County in the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021	1	0	0	1
17 21-518 From the Director Performance, Strategy, and Budget providing an appropriation transfer packet for the June 2021 cycle.	1	1	0	0
25 21-506 A resolution declaring a "right to counsel" for residents of Milwaukee County facing eviction or foreclosure, authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services, Housing Division to implement a pilot Right to Counsel program, and authorizing an appropriation transfer in the amount of \$916,576 from the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation to fund cost of the program for the remainder of 2021	2	2	0	0
29 21-431 Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office request to create three Deputy sheriff I positions, pay grade 17BZ. (Companion Personnel File No. 21-362) (05/13/21: Laid Over for One Meeting)	1	0	1	0
30 21-441 Informational Report on County Ordinance 56.02 reporting requirements for Overtime and net deficit. (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE) (05/13/21: Laid Over for One Meeting)	2	0	1	0

### Sentiments for All Agenda Items

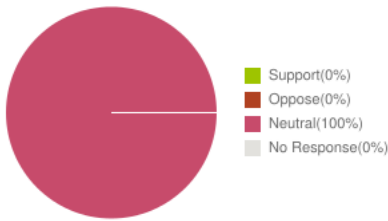
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Agenda Item: eComments for 10 21-555 A resolution to create a Task Force to review and recommend funding allocations to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for monies received by the County in the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

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### Anon Anon

Location:

Submitted At: 10:15am 06-17-21

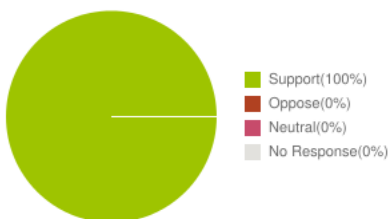
Please do not allow MCSO touch a single dime of ARPA funds. Last year law enforcement went to war against the people of Milwaukee. On top of the harm of the pandemic, the police continued and indeed escalated their violence against communities of color, nationally and locally. When those communities resisted, the police went to war against all of us.

I and many of my friends were gassed and shot with rubber bullets by police while peacefully protesting.

Milwaukee needs ARPA funds to recover not only from the pandemic, but also from the brutal violence of the police. Letting MCSO take any of that money does the opposite of what we need.

Agenda Item: eComments for 17 21-518 From the Director Performance, Strategy, and Budget providing an appropriation transfer packet for the June 2021 cycle.

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### Jeremy Ebersole

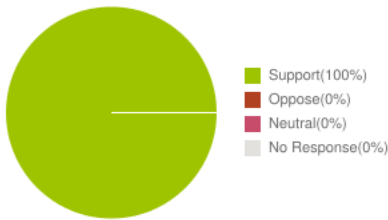
Location:

Submitted At: 3:18pm 06-16-21

Thank you, Supervisors, for supporting a preservation solution for the Mitchell Park Domes when you voted to approve the 2021 Omnibus Budget Amendment which included \$75,000 for the exploration of potential funding sources for the repair and restoration of the Mitchell Park Domes. The Domes are an irreplaceable County landmark and an important asset to our community. I strongly encourage Milwaukee County to begin the implementation of the Domes Task Force plan for the park immediately, as has been approved by the Board through funding appropriations for the past 2 years following the completion of the Domes Task Force Plan. Therefore, I am asking you to now support the requested transfer of funds necessary to facilitate forward motion on the preservation of the Domes. We must take actionable steps to make the restoration of the Domes a reality. Thank you.

Agenda Item: eComments for 25 21-506 A resolution declaring a "right to counsel" for residents of Milwaukee County facing eviction or foreclosure, authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services, Housing Division to implement a pilot Right to Counsel program, and authorizing an appropriation transfer in the amount of \$916,576 from the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation to fund cost of the program for the remainder of 2021

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#### Shelly Sarasin

Location:

Submitted At: 9:05am 06-17-21

Milwaukee County already faces a housing/eviction crisis. I fully support this resolution of Right to Counsel to potentially assist and keep renters off the street and without an eviction on their records--which is one of the biggest barriers and obstacles to obtaining housing.

#### Janice Wilberg

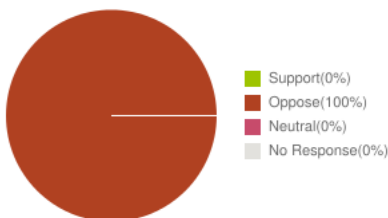
Location:

Submitted At: 8:34am 06-17-21

There is a direct and significant connection between eviction and homelessness in Milwaukee. There can be no substantial reduction in the steady stream of homelessness, especially for families, without strong action to increase legal representation for people under threat of eviction. This proposal, 21-506, is an opportunity to expand representation and to demonstrate the long-term financial and human benefit of deterring evictions in our community. Please support this proposal. Thank you, Janice Wilberg, Ph.D., 3269 N. Summit Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53211

Agenda Item: eComments for 29 21-431 Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office request to create three Deputy sheriff I positions, pay grade 17BZ. (Companion Personnel File No. 21-362) (05/13/21: Laid Over for One Meeting)

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#### Anon Anon

Location:

Submitted At: 11:13am 06-16-21

I support the CART program, but it should be funded by MCSO not mental health money. They should abolish a few sheriff deputy positions and use those funds to pay for the clinicians that replace them. That's what makes sense.

Ideally the CART program would be run entirely by clinicians. No police officers should be responding to mental health crisis calls. A gun and the power to kill someone or put them in a cage is not the right way to respond to people in crisis. People are not stupid. They know that the presence of law enforcement always contains a threat of violence, a threat of incarceration, a threat of the opposite of what they need.

The STAR program in Denver, CO and the CAHOOTS program in Eugene, OR, and many other similar programs send only clinicians to mental health crisis calls. Their work rarely or NEVER results in someone being incarcerated. Michael Lappen and Ted Chisholm have said that WI state statue requires that only law enforcement can take people into custody. That doesn't mean that law enforcement needs to run the CART program, because a CART program without law enforcement will RARELY or NEVER want to take people into custody. If a clinician does decide someone needs to go into custody, they can easily summon officers, remaining in line with statute.

I volunteer with Forum For Understanding Prisons. We advocate for incarcerated people. When someone has a mental or emotional crisis in prison, the DOC puts them in solitary confinement. Solitary confinement is a form of torture that causes mental and emotional crises. When someone in solitary confinement breaks and self-harms or fights (even verbally) with guards, the DOC's response is to put them in a restraint chair, or ambulatory restraints, for hours or days. They sit in stress positions experiencing severely painful muscle cramping. Sometimes they are forced urinate and defecate in the restraints and are left to sit in it.

This is not a few isolated incidents or irregularities. This is standard DOC practice. FFUP has encountered countless stories about these practices.

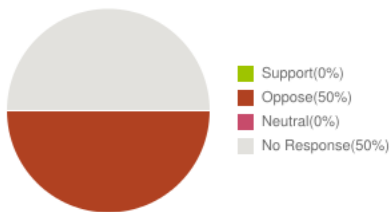
When law enforcement responds to crisis situations, the probability of a person going to prison goes up exponentially. Letting MCSO control the CART program, and benefit from it financially will result in more people strapped to chairs in the prisons. Those are the consequences of your vote on this item. Please amend this item to at least make MCSO pay for it, if you cannot remove them from the program entirely at this time.

Sincerely,

Ben Turk

Agenda Item: eComments for 30 21-441 Informational Report on County Ordinance 56.02 reporting requirements for Overtime and net deficit. (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE) (05/13/21: Laid Over for One Meeting)

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**Emily Munoz**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:16am 06-17-21

I am once again writing to express that the board needs to find a solution for this excessive overtime spending and hold MCSO accountable for such negligent spending. People in this county are struggling, can't put food on the table, and are getting evicted - and it's MCSO who is driving them out of their homes and eating up the county

budget while doing it.

The board and the sheriffs office need to take this kind of overspending seriously and take steps to curtail it. Further, when it comes time to create the budget for the next fiscal year, the board needs to find creative ways to fund public services that actually keep us safe rather than pouring money into over-policing our communities.

### **Anon Anon**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:52am 06-16-21

Chief of Staff is an \$85,000 position at the MCSO which did not exist prior to Ted Chisholm's hire into it. Ted Chisholm is the son of Milwaukee district attorney John Chisholm, a friend of sheriff Lucas. That looks like nepotism. Ted Chisholm was also the campaign manager for Earnell Lucas when he was running for county sheriff. Lucas created a new government position for Chisholm, his campaign manager. That looks like cronyism.

Ted Chisholm, who benefited from this nepotism and cronyism has submitted two reports on MCSO's overtime expenditures. His assignment in these reports was to explain why MCSO was spending too much money on overtime, and to describe how the problem would be solved. His explanation for why MCSO spends so much on overtime is that there are not enough people who want to work as deputy sheriffs to fill the positions MCSO would like to fill. His solution is that the people of Milwaukee county give MCSO more money so they can attract more people into these jobs. That's an unacceptable solution. The people of Milwaukee county very clearly expressed during the last budget cycle that the county spends too much on MCSO as it is.

The job of a sheriff deputy is not to file reports, make public appearances, and rustle up money wherever they can. It's a different, far less cushy job than, oh, for example, chief of staff. The job of some sheriff deputies is to prowl the streets looking for people who are driving too fast, or acting disorderly, or are in the park after dark. The vast majority of their time is spent doing this, not responding to serious safety concerns. Mostly, what they do is carry guns and take people's money. That looks like extortion.

One time I was down by the river after dark and some sheriff deputies came and gave me a \$200 ticket. They said it wasn't safe to be down there. Someone with a gun might come and rob me. That's why they had to come, with guns, to take \$200 from me. I generally don't carry \$200 on me, so, muggers would have hurt me less than those sheriff deputies tried to.

The job of some other sheriff deputies is in the county jail. There, they hold people who other cops took captive during their extortion prowls. They charge the captive people exorbitant fees to call their family and try to get help. One time I got arrested and taken to the county jail against my will for publicly criticizing the police. The charges were baseless and got dropped, but I had to spend the night in the jail, and make some phone calls to get out. Those calls were expensive. Not as expensive as the lawyer who helped me fight the baseless charges, but still... it cost me. That looks like extortion, too.

Last finance committee meeting, Ted Chisholm complained about a lack of revenue for the MCSO. He talked about revenue from jail phone surcharges and tickets. He said that they have budget problems because they don't have enough of this revenue. Taking all his ideas together, it looks like MCSO wants more taxpayer money so they can hire more sheriff deputies to go around extorting more money from more people. They are making money on both ends, no wonder they can hire former campaign managers and sons of friends to newly invented \$85,000 a year positions. Ted Chisholm looks like a leech, bleeding this city dry.

I think there is a very obvious better solution to MCSO overtime spending that Ted Chisholm, who we must always remember seems to have gained his position through nepotism and cronyism, missed. The MCSO can just... stop. They can detach their leech hooks from our city and go away. Ted Chisholm and all his sheriff deputies can go find real jobs.