

Critical Questions for the Select Committee on Senior Centers

- 1) Should Milwaukee County own and pay for programming in large facilities that are exclusively devoted to older adult services?
- 2) Should Milwaukee County continue to own and operate *all five* existing Milwaukee County Senior Centers for the next decade: Clinton Rose, Kelly, McGovern Park, Washington Park, and Wilson Park? Which of the five senior centers, if any, must be maintained?
- 3) Should Milwaukee County consider converting the use of the existing Senior Centers to *multi-generational community centers* in the hope of expanding the benefits of such facilities to the broader community, achieving more efficient use of space, and engendering broader public support and usage?
- 4) Will senior centers *as currently constructed* attract participation from new generations of older adults?
- 5) Should Milwaukee County support the *reconstruction or new construction* of one or more senior centers based upon a new vision for their use?*
- 6) Should the Commission on Aging *support programming in all senior centers* across the county utilizing Older Americans Act funding, including in the Milwaukee County owned senior centers, rather than reliance upon steadily declining Milwaukee County levy funds?
- 7) Senior Centers in municipalities of Milwaukee County other than the City of Milwaukee and Cudahy are operated by those municipalities, e.g. West Allis. What role should the cities of Milwaukee and Cudahy, or Milwaukee Public Schools have in operating the Milwaukee County Senior Centers?

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*IF Yes to Question # 5 – Additional Considerations:

How many senior centers are needed/desired?

Where should senior centers be located?

Is it worth the investment to maintain the existing facilities, or should our focus be on repurposing the existing centers and constructing entirely new facilities?