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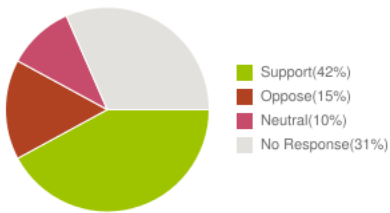
## eComments Report

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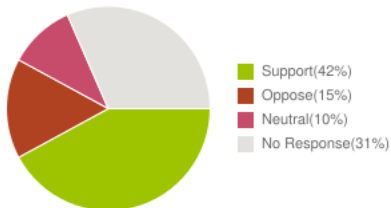
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1 21-4 From the Milwaukee County Clerk, Office of the County Clerk, providing an informational report regarding Journal of Proceedings.	2	1	0	0
2 21-920 From the County Executive, submitting the 2022 Recommended Budget.	12	6	2	1
3 21-38 eComments submitted to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors regarding the 2022 Recommended Budget for the Public Hearing via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC). (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)	5	1	1	1

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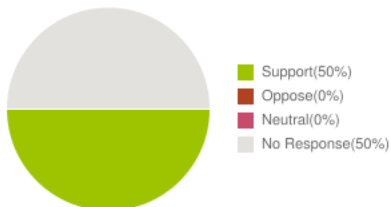
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Agenda Item: eComments for 1 21-4 From the Milwaukee County Clerk, Office of the County Clerk, providing an informational report regarding Journal of Proceedings.

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**Eric Flores**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:20pm 11-01-21

We demand that all of the Milwaukee County of Board Supervisors adopt Supervisor Clancy's budget amendments to move funds from sheriff to human needs. Spending numerous weekends with the Milwaukee Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression canvassing (going door to door) and talking with community members of the north and south sides, residents often stressed the need for good paying jobs, more opportunities within their community, better cleaned parks, and nearly anything else besides more funding for law enforcement. Our organization is more in touch with what the communities of Milwaukee want, unlike some politicians that come out of wood work ever so occasionally.

The Milwaukee County Sheriffs have recklessly gone over their budget for too long. It's time that the local government listens to the people and that our communities get the funding they have long deserved.

Some points from Ryan Clancy's amendments:

- \$3,106,372 to parks infrastructure, including a playground and sport courts
- \$1,426,914 to parks operations, including opening pools and wading pools
- \$83,845 to Office on Equity and Milwaukee County Human Rights Commission
- \$52,248 to Medical support for residents struggling with opiate addiction and housing issues
- \$325,000 to the Milwaukee County Historical Society
- \$2,170,053 to Investing equitably in our human resources
- \$2,000,000 to Post-booking stabilization program to support and divert people from incarceration
- \$800,000 to Expanding the Cream City Credible Messenger program
- \$596,851 to Dignity and opportunities for people incarcerated by the County
- \$324,311 to Expanding access to County services, engagement, and digital equity
- \$420,000 to Equity in transit expansion

Once again, we demand that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopt all of Ryan Clancy's amendments.

**Andy Kleist**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:37pm 11-01-21

I support a comprehensive sound study for The Rock Sports Complex and ask that funding for this sound study be included as part of the County's budget. As a County resident who lives north of The Rock, my family and neighbors in Greendale and Franklin have been suffering through the noise pollution coming from this development for several years. To be clear, County taxpayers are impacted for MILES around this facility depending on the direction of the wind. I personally live about 2 miles away and can clearly hear concerts and fireworks on a regular basis.

The comprehensive sound study cost, which was a part of Franklin's approval of the PDD and in James Tarantino's 9-20-2017 PowerPoint, stated that ALL the terms of the Franklin PDD37 must be followed, including the condition to complete a comprehensive sound study. Even the developer understood this. Resolution 17-598 for the sale of the land in 2017 states, "Whereas Milwaukee County and the Operator RECOGNIZE the concerns of the neighboring property owners that additional recreational use of the site will require additional infrastructure to MITIGATE noise and light impacts on adjacent neighborhoods". Yet, years later, no study has been completed and the noise has not been mitigated.

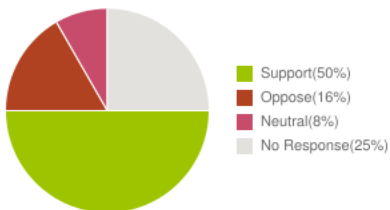
The 2017 Exhibit C noise and light addendum acknowledges that noise pollution from The Rock has always been an issue. It states, "Residents in the communities of Franklin and Greendale have expressed concerns regarding noise and light levels at and beyond the project boundaries, originating from activities associated with this project". County officials and staff testified at meetings that Exhibit C would be a "benefit to the neighbors". Does establishing a 79-decibel level surrounded by residential areas for 30 minutes without a violation seem like a benefit to my family and neighbors? There is not a single sound ordinance for the County or Franklin that states anything about noise or sound issues being sustained for 30 minutes or any amount of time. Was this the spirit and intent of Exhibit C? This was before the baseball stadium opened in 2019. There are now about 80 home games, several of which have fireworks, and roughly 40 live band events in addition to other events like The Hills

Have Eyes. Additionally, County elected officials and staff stated at several meetings that all City of Franklin sound ordinances would be followed and that the City of Franklin would enforce all their noise ordinances for this development. Neither of these have happened. Even the City of Franklin Planning Director indicated in a 2020 report that 50 decibels are not being followed for this district, which is part of the 15-3.1107 zoning table for residential districts. It feels as though the contracts at the County were either deliberately poorly written or were written to solely benefit the developer. The contracts do NOT protect County residents. A comprehensive sound study needs to be performed to determine the ACTUAL sound impact. I can tell you that it is harmful, disruptive, and destroys the quality of life for residents for miles around. The County created this problem, promised to fix it, and needs to follow through on their agreements and assurances to its residents.

Corporation Counsel testified at numerous meetings that more could be done to help the citizens if noise continued to be an issue. Corporation Counsel also testified that the County would have further recourse if noise complaints continued. Noise continues to be an issue and has never stopped being an issue. The County has always been fully aware of this and needs to take action. It should be examined what has been the actual cost to the County resulting from the County having this partnership with this developer, including the decrease in property values, the number of staff and elected officials' time dealing with this public nuisance. It seems a comprehensive sound study could have already been paid for.

Agenda Item: eComments for 2 21-920 From the County Executive, submitting the 2022 Recommended Budget.

Overall Sentiment



**Natalia Espina**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:50pm 11-01-21

I would like to support Supervisor Clancy's amendments to the 2022 Recommended budget which ultimately will end up cutting funding from the MCSO budget and invest in what's best for Milwaukee county residents. Most recently on 10/26/2021 the American Public Health Association (APHA), the largest body of professional public health professionals at 25,000 members, officially made abolition a public health strategy. The statement calls for measures by decision-making bodies across the US , including: "moving towards the abolition of carceral systems build[ing] in their stead just and equitable structures that advance the public's health"

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Thank you~

Natalia Espina  
Resident of Riverwest  
District 13  
Attention: Willie Johnson.

**Sean Schueler**

Location:  
Submitted At: 7:21pm 11-01-21

I stand in support of Supervisor Clancy's proposed amendments to defund the Sheriff's Office in favor of public systems such as transportation, housing, health services, public education, and literally anything else that will actually improve the health and well-being of our community and take away from the carceral structures that oppress and destroy our city. As we had seen last year, the people made demands to defund and abolish the carceral system and the policing structures as we see it, so why is the Sheriff's Office and the House of Corrections, who already have undeniably bloated budgets, are proposed to increase for the 2022 budget? This choice to increase funding these institutions goes directly against the demands of the people of our city, especially those who are directly affected by the violence of police. We should immediately be assessing the housing crisis in the city and aim to house every single citizen of this city safely. We can also take the money away from the bloated Sheriff's Office and HOC to fund better education for our city. Meeting the needs for the people in the city will naturally decrease crime rates, increase overall public health, and will lead to a thriving and just community that we need.

**Dn McCarthy**

Location:  
Submitted At: 6:36pm 11-01-21

I'm here to voice support for the amendment to the budget that would move funding from another department to provide for a start for the restoration of the Domes through an allocated contingency fund. This funding would provide for a meaningful reinvestment in the future of the Domes and the many community benefits the Domes and the park provide. Time and again the public has indicated in every survey, that they value this special landmark and want a preservation solution. I am opposed to the County Exec's budget as proposed.

Thank you to the board for supporting the formation of the Domes Task Force, a policy in support of a preservation solution for the Domes, and for twice supporting money in the annual budget for moving the Domes Task Force recommended plan forward.

As a former member of the Domes Task Force it's disappointing to me that the Domes have been determined by some as not eligible for ARPA funds due to not being "shovel ready". How can that be? The Domes Task Force started asking for concrete and glazing testing in 2017. Those reports were delayed until after the County disbanded the Task Force in 2019. But those reports became available in 2019. Now, two years later, no action has been taken on those reports that determined the concrete was in good condition and that glazing for all three Domes could be repaired for approximately \$20 million. Had the money in the budget, twice approved by the County Board, been spent on the Domes Task Force plan perhaps we could now be using ARPA funds on the Domes.

Investing in the Domes is an investment in equity and in line with the County's goals. The South Side neighborhood surrounding the Domes is a diverse, dense, working class community. It is 70% Latino and has more children under 10 than any other neighborhood in the City. 42% of residents live below the poverty level. The zip code bordering the Domes only has 1.8 acres of park per 1,000 residents while the City of Milwaukee as a whole has 8.8 acres of park per 1,000 residents according to 2017 Harbor District Water and Land Use Plan data. The Domes provide year round access to the proven physical and mental health benefits of green space that neighborhood and County residents deserve.

Investing in the future of the Domes will create jobs. The Domes Task Force Plan, as it is envisioned, would create approximately 300 quality jobs for the neighborhood and region as Mitchell Park is transformed into a Learning, Wellness, and Horticultural campus, serving as a center for urban agriculture, hosting research, offering

gardening and cooking classes, providing space for community gardens, and much more.

Now is the time to act. By investing in a long term preservation solution for the Mitchell Park Domes today, we can ensure that this treasure, one of the most iconic and beloved places in the County, continues to benefit the community for years to come.

Thank you,  
Dawn McCarthy  
2589 N Lake Drive  
Milwaukee, WI 53211

**Chris Leranath**

Location:  
Submitted At: 6:02pm 11-01-21

I beg you to vote for an independent sound study at the Rock/ Hill has eyes/ fire works after Milkman games. My wife and I have very stressful jobs, and we need our sleep. Unfortunately our sleep and peace in our own home has been taken from us many a night. I am in law enforcement and I have called the Franklin Police dispatch at least 50 times 2 years. I have also called the Greendale police Department numerous times. To my knowledge none of my complaints have resulted in any business or manager at the rock being cited. When I call in a complaint to greendale they say that they can't do anything, because the Rock is located in Franklin. The Franklin police Department just flat out refuses to do anything, I was told by Franklin dispatch that our complaints are logged and sent to City hall. No one from City Hall has every contacted me about my complaints. I wish a noise study could be done to show how my family and I have been tortured in our own home.

**Joselia Mendiolea**

Location:  
Submitted At: 5:56pm 11-01-21

It's simply outrageous that any scenario that doesn't maintain the Domes as a unique and distinctive component of Milwaukee's built landscape would even be considered. Any investment in the Domes is an investment in one of our city's most diverse neighborhoods, an investment in our beloved parks, and an investment in the enjoyment and well-being of future generations.

**Joy Draginis-Zingales**

Location:  
Submitted At: 5:38pm 11-01-21

It is imperative to include funding for a Comprehensive Sound Study regarding/at the ROC/BPC development. For years the neighbors have endured this noise nuisance, the ROC/BPC, to no avail and with absolutely no help or consideration from the developer, the City of Franklin or the Franklin PD. As a few supervisors have come out to experience for themselves, the level of noise broadcasted from this property is excessive and absolutely unacceptable for a residential neighborhood. 79 decibels is not allowed nor considered acceptable for any other stadium/development know in the country. This study was a stipulation of my County Supervisor Tony Staskunas as well as many other supervisors for their "yes" vote regarding the sale of this property as well as numerous assurances by Maggie Daun and the developer during more than 1 or 2 County meetings. With that said it is the duty of the County to keep their word and do what is right and just by funding this sound study in the 2021-2022 budget.

Thank you, Joy Draginis-Zingales

**Dana Gindt**

Location:  
Submitted At: 5:33pm 11-01-21

The County budget needs to include a Comprehensive Sound Study of the Rock Sports Complex. In Resolution 17-598 "Milwaukee County and the Operator recognize the concerns of neighboring property owners." The 2017 Exhibit C noise and Light Addendum states "Residents in the communities of Franklin and Greendale have expressed concerns regarding noise and light levels at and beyond the Project Boundaries, originating from activities associated with the Project." The County has knowledge of the ongoing issues from noise since 2013. The Comprehensive Sound Study is required to be included in the budget for the following reasons:

- 1) The citizens for miles around this facility were informed by County professional staff / elected officials that noise concerns would be addressed and mitigated and if not, Corporation Counsel testified on 9/28/17 that further action could be taken. That time is now. The noise issues are persistent.
- 2) Noise has significantly increased in duration and intensity since 2017 when the Exhibit C established noise issues from the Rock for years, even prior to the stadium. Residential property values in the area have decreased, one neighbor had their assessment reduced \$110,000. This residential area is less desirable because of this public nuisance. This is a quality-of-life issue for families within a 2 mile radius who are adversely impacted. Citizens will continue to fight assessments around this facility. Has the County considered the economic impact of allowing this noise to continue? Has that cost been considered?
- 3) The County created this problem and is responsible for doing everything possible to remedy the public nuisance. It must comply with all contracts, documents, ordinances and the testimony made by elected officials and County staff that noise would not be an issue.

Of concern, is that over twice the cost of this Comprehensive Sound Study is approved to be paid for a playground in Milwaukee County. But the County does not have money to invest into protecting citizens that have been harmed for nearly a decade and requested help. It is negligent and liable to not perform the Comprehensive Sound Study which was a contractually agreed to and testified by County staff. The County was aware of the noise issues for years before moving forward with this development. In addition, as noted in the Journal Sentinel article there are multiple contractual obligations with this development. Those issues should have resulted in extensive scrutiny of this even more complicated project. This public nuisance development was enabled by the County and is causing harm to several communities. The County budget needs to include funding to actually protect citizens from the harm that was enabled by the County. Even the Franklin mayor wrote a letter to the developer in 2020 indicating this development is a nuisance to the public.

The Comprehensive Sound Study would supply the actual impact and recommendations on how to reduce the adverse impact of noise intrusion into the homes of thousands of citizens and the Milwaukee County parks. It is time to take action to protect citizens and parks from the extensive noise pollution enabled by the County for this development.

## **Stephanie Leranth**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:41pm 11-01-21

The Count Board needs to find the money to complete the sound/noise study on the Rock Sports Complex and The Hill Has Eyes. The excessive noise that continuously comes from them is unacceptable. We have been telling the Board, Franklin, Franklin PD, and Greendale for years that the volume is excessive, but nothing every happens. This past Saturday night, Oct. 30th, my husband called Franklin PD on the Hill Has Eyes due to excessive noise. He called around 11pm. Franklin PD wouldn't do anything but forward our complaint to Franklin City Hall. Apparently no one does anything with the complaints that get called into the PD because I've heard that no citations for noise violations have been issued. Why is that? We have called Franklin PD numerous times between Memorial Day weekend and Oct. 30th. Don't tell me there are no complaints or violations! Two weeks ago, Saturday Oct. 16th into Sunday Oct. 17th my husband had to call Franklin PD three times between 2:30am and 3am because of excessive noise still coming from the Rock/Hill Has Eyes. It wasn't until after the third phone call that the police finally did something and and shut the noise down. This past Saturday, 10/30, they were still blasting music at 1:30am. Why haven't they been fined for violating their permits???

This is a residential neighborhood. We want to be able to sit in our yards without being blasted by noise from the Rock. We want to be able to go to sleep in our own homes without the excessive noise being blasted at us. Fireworks should not be fired off after every home game for the Milkmen. 9pm, 10pm, and 11pm end times for the games is too late to be firing off fireworks in a residential neighborhood!! The fireworks wake my kids up and traumatizes them. It takes us 20 to 30 minutes to calm them down so they can go back to sleep. My kids ask us every night if there will be fireworks because they are scared.

This is a neighborhood. We want piece and quiet! The Board needs to find the money and get the sound study done!! The Rock is rude, inconsiderate, and a nuisance.

Stephanie Leranth

## **Jeremy Ebersole**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:29am 11-01-21

My name is Jeremy Ebersole, and I am privileged to serve as the Executive Director of the Milwaukee Preservation Alliance. Our organization has been advocating for a long term preservation solution for the Domes and providing the public with opportunities to have their voice heard for many years.

I'm here today to urge the Board to support Sup. Clancy's amendment to provide for the restoration of the Domes through an allocated contingency fund. This funding would provide a meaningful step toward reinvestment in the future of the Domes and the many community benefits they provide.

Most importantly, investing in the Domes is an investment in equity and in line with the County's stated goals. The Southside neighborhood surrounding the Domes is a diverse, dense, working class community. It is 70% Latino and has more children under 10 than any other neighborhood in the City, and 42% of residents live below the poverty level. Further, according to 2017 Harbor District Water and Land Use Plan data, the 53204 zip code bordering the Domes is under resourced with access to critical green space, having only 1.8 acres of park per 1,000 residents compared with the City of Milwaukee as a whole, which has 8.8 acres of park per 1,000 residents. The Domes provide year round access to the proven physical and mental health benefits of green space that neighborhood and County residents deserve.

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This funding can make a real difference in moving forward on the sustainable long term preservation solution for the Domes the public has consistently supported. Now is the time to act. By investing in a long term preservation solution for the Mitchell Park Domes today, we can ensure that this treasure, one of the most iconic and beloved places in the County, continues to benefit the community for years to come.

### **Bao Chau Nguyen**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:50am 11-01-21

I am writing in support of the sound study to mitigate the noise pollution for Ball Park Commons. We were told by our county representatives for the land to be sold to the developer, there would be conditions put in place to protect the neighboring subdivisions from noise pollution. A sound study was one of those conditions. You have completely let us down. The "ordinance" in place for sound violation is a joke. The decibel limit for violation is higher than the existing decibel limit in the city of Franklin. The city of Franklin is doing nothing to help us and clearly just wanted to push the development through. We are not against the development. We just want better sound mitigation. My kids are kept awake at night because of the sound at late as 10:00-11:30 pm on game nights, with their windows closed. If Oconomowoc is doing a sound study for their stadium, which does NOT directly abut residential neighborhoods, how can the Milwaukee County and the City of Franklin allow this stadium to be built without one? This was one of many conditions in the contract to sell the land to the developer that has not been fulfilled, and the County needs to enforce this and make it right. If you don't, just remember that while you are sleeping soundly at night, my kids won't be during the Milkmen games.

### **Bernard Carreon**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:19am 11-01-21

I am writing on behalf of myself, wife, and two young children in support of the Sound Study for The Rock Sports Complex/Franklin Field/Milkmen Stadium. When Milwaukee County agreed to sell this land to the developer, we were assured that there would be protections from noise from this stadium. County Corporation Counsel, Attorney Maggie Daun testified at public meetings in 2017 that if noise continued to be a nuisance, the County Board could have further recourse to mitigate the noise. This budget item for the sound study is that recourse that was promised to us. The sound study needs to be included in the budget, it's the last hope for our family. We are not unreasonable people. My children can't sleep at night and sometimes are kept awake until 12:30-1:00 AM by the announcements, music and sound effects from the stadium speakers. This happens when their



windows are closed and this happens on School Nights. There is a stadium speaker on the West Side of the Ballpark that points OUT of the stadium, away from fans and directly across a parking lot at my son's bedroom window in the distance. It plays at the same volume as the rest of the speakers. We are over 1/2 mile away. We recognize there will be increased noise and traffic with growing suburbs. I have lived near a stadium in a residential area before. I know the difference between acceptable noise and a public nuisance. I know the difference between a business that values the well-being of its neighbors and one that shows indifference, at best. We are not NIMBYs (Not In My Backyard). We want local business developments and places we can walk to with our children. Let there be no confusion on this issue. We simply want peace in our home and for our children to get enough sleep to be healthy. What we want is reasonable. My son, age 8 at the time, spoke to the Franklin Common Council about his concerns about the sound. Yet the noise continues. My son then asked Mayor Steve Olson to speak with him directly about the sound issue. The Mayor's response was, "I will not." This has been heartbreaking for our family. There were 400 or so public comments in 2019 objecting to the sale, yet it moved forward. Oconomowoc recently approved the sale of land for a baseball stadium in an industrial area and stipulated that a sound study be done. The Rock/ Baseball Commons is in a residential area and no sound study was required for the sale. Milwaukee County has the responsibility and ability to help resolve the sound issue. We appreciate your efforts to remedy this.

### Ashley Hietpas

Location:

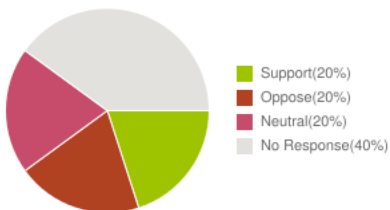
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Natalia Espina  
Resident of Riverwest  
District 13  
Attention: Willie Johnson.

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Resident of Riverwest  
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Attention: Willie Johnson.

**dr. a. deLessio-parson**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:08pm 11-01-21

I write to express my deep disappointment with the Milwaukee County Budget Proposed for 2022 and the whole process of considering it, as the thinking behind the budget seems far too status-quo oriented – in the most dangerous way.

Milwaukee County government can and should do more to equalize opportunity for people across municipalities and across neighborhoods. A 2017 research study showed that within the county, we have a life expectancy at birth discrepancy of twelve years with a low of 71 years in zip codes like 53206 and a high of 83 years in zip codes like 53217. That is not acceptable, and closing that gap requires rethinking budgets and envisioning a world – a world without police.

In King Park, during the summers of 2020 and again in 2021, dozens of people have lived in tents because they have no other alternatives for housing. As we invest in housing, we need to finance basic amenities in our parks – running water, gender-inclusive bathrooms, and electrical outlets for people to charge their phones (installing landlines for local calls would also help reduce the humanitarian crises unfolding across many zip codes, linked to the gun violence).

I have witnessed waste across levels here in Milwaukee County, and wonder:

Where is our collective composting system?

When will we recycle everywhere?

Can we ban plastic bags?

We need creativity to tackle the climate crisis - I do not see that in the Proposed Milwaukee County Budget.

The waste is also epitomized by our bloated carceral state. I wonder, for example just how much we spend on law enforcement whose very presence re-traumatizes people previously impacted by the carceral state.

How much do we pay officers as they idle in their vehicles?

How much do we pay officers to show up and shine their flashlights into the tents of those sleeping in King Park?

How much do we pay officers to pursue other gas-powered vehicles at high speed, putting additional lives at risk?

We need to eliminate the carceral state – instead I see worrisome funding of the sheriff's office.

It is essential that as we take funding from the carceral state, we have participatory conversations on how to spend it much more wisely. For if we are not careful, some redistributive efforts could accelerate capitalism by encouraging mindless, environmentally-destructive consumerism.

Our county needs investment not just in people, but also in places.

People will be more incentivized to call Milwaukee home if we have better libraries and educational opportunities across the life course, a parks system with amenities like gender-inclusive restrooms and 'bubblers' (water fountains) – which would also alleviate some of the suffering of people living on the street, improved public transportation – with things like charging ports on the buses, and the many more things that go along with vibrant, healthy communities. Many of these points align with what existing organizations and longstanding community members are saying, and I encourage you as elected members of the board to pay attention to the on-the-ground patterns of resource distribution and more effectively align the budget with needs and principles of deep equity, necessary for democracy itself to function.

### **Bill Lynch**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:53pm 11-01-21

Please adopt the budget amendment authored by Sup. Clancy and others adding funds for moving forward on preserving Mitchell Park and the Domes. Also please adopt the budget amendment by Sup. Haas and others increasing the budget for the Parks Department. The County should move forward Mitchell Park and Domes project planning to take advantage of new sources of capital and operational funding enacted by the federal government or soon to be enacted. William Lynch

### **Megan McGee**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:02pm 11-01-21

A relative of mine who is schizophrenic was arrested in a Milwaukee County Park over a decade ago. They then spent months in the County Jail, much of it in solitary confinement because they were delusional and wouldn't cooperate with anyone. This whole situation really escalated their delusions - and I know it's not cheap to keep someone locked up. Looking back, I wonder what would have happened if this person were approached by mental health professionals instead of police. I know we can do better.

I'm glad to see that we're not spending 700K on camera at the beach, and that several of Rep Clancy's amendments were adopted, but we need to go further. I'd like to see funds allocated to the Post Booking Stabilization program and Credible Messenger program and used to open up more swimming pools. I'd also like to see 2% of all County dollars (regular budget and ARP funds) invested in arts and culture efforts that will activate community spaces, address equity issues, and support economic growth in our region.

**K. G.**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:47pm 11-01-21

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\$20.59 is not enough money anymore to maintain the basic necessities in our everyday lives. Since the Pandemic has started the price of literally everything has risen but our base pay has remained the same.

\$3.00 is not enough and I'm asking you all as if my job depended on it to keep reading on, We All Need Your Help.

If we break down this \$3.00 pay increase that was just approved, it's really disbelieving when you see it on your pay stub. The approved \$3.00 is just that, the amount of hours you work multiplied by \$3.00 which was not what I was expecting at all for all my hard work and dedication through this ONGOING pandemic.

I miss having a life and my 1 year old misses her mama. Correctional officers are very important and oversee a large population of individuals incarcerated in Milwaukee County. The same individuals that are held in our care are the same inmates that are considered a safety risk. We are enclosed in 4 large walls and aren't being compensated enough for it which would fix a lot of other issues.

I've witnessed supervisors and deputies who work beside me receive pay increases. If I'm being honest like I said I was going to do...It's a slap in the face, as if the time I spend away from my family but enclosed with inmates making the jail run doesn't mean anything to Milwaukee County.

I have been dedicated to Milwaukee County for almost 4 years and my pay has practically remained the same. What do I have to say or do to get your attention that we are hurting right now! We are in a very real crisis! Why is it so crazy to expect raises for hard work in exchange.

Staff shortages have been an issue for years but it has become comical to the point I laugh to keep from crying. Money, a raise is the answer! We have been working 12 hour-16 hours shifts daily to make up for bodies that have not been replaced. Working 12 hour-16 hours shifts exposed to HIGH RISK COVID-19 while still accepting new inmates into jail. Working harder and not being compensated in return, which is why staff is continuing to seek employment elsewhere. Money is the answer in this situation yet it seems to keep getting overlooked, we're here over half of our days because the county does not have enough employees. Would you all be able to support your family and live the "American Dream" with \$20.59 per hour?

I have my Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice and picking this job has made me want to pick a different career so I can afford to raise my family. I could have picked any job and I could have parted ways from Milwaukee County by now, but i haven't like many in hopes things would get better.