



Cavalier Johnson
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

September 28, 2022

Representative Janel Brandtjen
Rep.Brandtjen@legis.wisconsin.gov

Dear Representative Brandtjen:

Please accept this letter as a supplement to our September 28, 2022, response to your recent public records request for communications “between any person in the City of Milwaukee Mayor’s Office and any person associated with the initiative Milwaukee Votes 2022.”

When we were reviewing records that included the search term “Milwaukee Votes,” in response to the other public records request we referenced in our previous response letter, we identified a text message chain that relates to “Milwaukee Votes 2022.” Part of this chain was previously provided in the partial response. Having reviewed the entirety of the text chain now, we believe that the entirety of the text chain is responsive to your request, as opposed to just the part that was previously provided. As a result, a copy of the entirety of this text chain has been attached to this correspondence. Note that although you are receiving the entire text chain, some of the texts on this text chain were specific to two individuals, and were not received by other parties on the text chain. We also identified text messages that do not include the search term “Milwaukee Votes 2022,” but that we believe relate to this initiative, and that were sent or received by individuals that we know to be associated with the initiative. These texts, that were sent to staff in the Mayor’s Office, and to which staff did not respond, are also attached. Please accept these texts as a supplement to the records you were provided yesterday

If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (414) 286-2200.

Sincerely,

A. Peterson

Alexis Peterson
Office of the Mayor

Doll, Patty

From: Fleming, Jeff
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 3:31 PM
To: Sachin Chheda
Subject: FW: Statement from the Milwaukee Mayor's Office

From: Fleming, Jeff
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 3:25 PM
To: matt.wall@fox.com
Subject: Statement from the Milwaukee Mayor's Office

The city is neither receiving nor providing any funds related to the work of "Milwaukee Votes 2022." The group is privately funded, not-for-profit and non-partisan. The association with "Milwaukee Votes 2022" is limited to the Mayor voicing support for the work – which includes door-to-door canvassing – to encourage all eligible voters to vote in upcoming elections.

Jeff Fleming
Communications Director
Office of Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson
414-286-8580
414-559-2497

Doll, Patty

From: Dirr, Alison <adirr@jrn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 4:46 PM
To: Fleming, Jeff; Melissa Baldauff; Woodall-Vogg, Claire
Subject: RE: For Immediate Release: Joint statement MKE Votes 2022

Thanks much.

From: Fleming, Jeff <Jeff.Fleming2@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 4:42 PM
To: Dirr, Alison <adirr@jrn.com>; Melissa Baldauff <melissa@gpsimpact.com>; Woodall-Vogg, Claire <cwooda@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: RE: For Immediate Release: Joint statement MKE Votes 2022

Here's a statement from me:

Milwaukee Votes 2022 is not an entity itself. It is a name under which a range of supporters – business associations, not-for profits, and other civic-minded individuals encourage voter participation. The city of Milwaukee neither receives nor provides money for these efforts. All the work is nonpartisan; none of the efforts support individual candidates or causes.

The Mayor wants all eligible Milwaukee residents to cast ballots in upcoming elections. He supports democracy, and he wants voices in Milwaukee to be heard.

From: Dirr, Alison <adirr@jrn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 3:44 PM
To: Fleming, Jeff <Jeff.Fleming2@milwaukee.gov>; Melissa Baldauff <melissa@gpsimpact.com>; Woodall-Vogg, Claire <cwooda@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: FW: For Immediate Release: Joint statement MKE Votes 2022

Hi Jeff, Melissa and Claire –

Do any of you have any comment on this? Also, are you able to tell me specifically who is funding the Milwaukee Votes 2022 campaign?

Thanks,
Alison

From: Spicuzza, Mary <mary.spicuzza@jrn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 3:24 PM
To: Dirr, Alison <adirr@jrn.com>
Subject: Fw: For Immediate Release: Joint statement MKE Votes 2022

From: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 3:16 PM
Subject: For Immediate Release: Joint statement MKE Votes 2022

Republicans Demand the City of Milwaukee Cease in Highly Partisan Voting Activities

Madison... Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester), Speaker Pro Tempore Tyler August (R-Lake Geneva), Assistant Majority Leader Kevin Petersen (R-Waupaca), and Wisconsin Elections Commission member Don Millis released the following statement regarding “Milwaukee Votes 2022” door-to-door canvassing.

“We are demanding that the City of Milwaukee immediately cease assisting a privately-funded, liberal group in their efforts to only engage with and turn out certain voters. Public resources should not be used for Get Out the Vote (GOTV) drives that inherently favor one party or candidate over another.

“The City of Milwaukee’s promotion and coordination of potentially illegal activities under the guise of canvassing is why Wisconsin voters have lost confidence in our elections. It is inappropriate for any municipality to support a GOTV campaign.

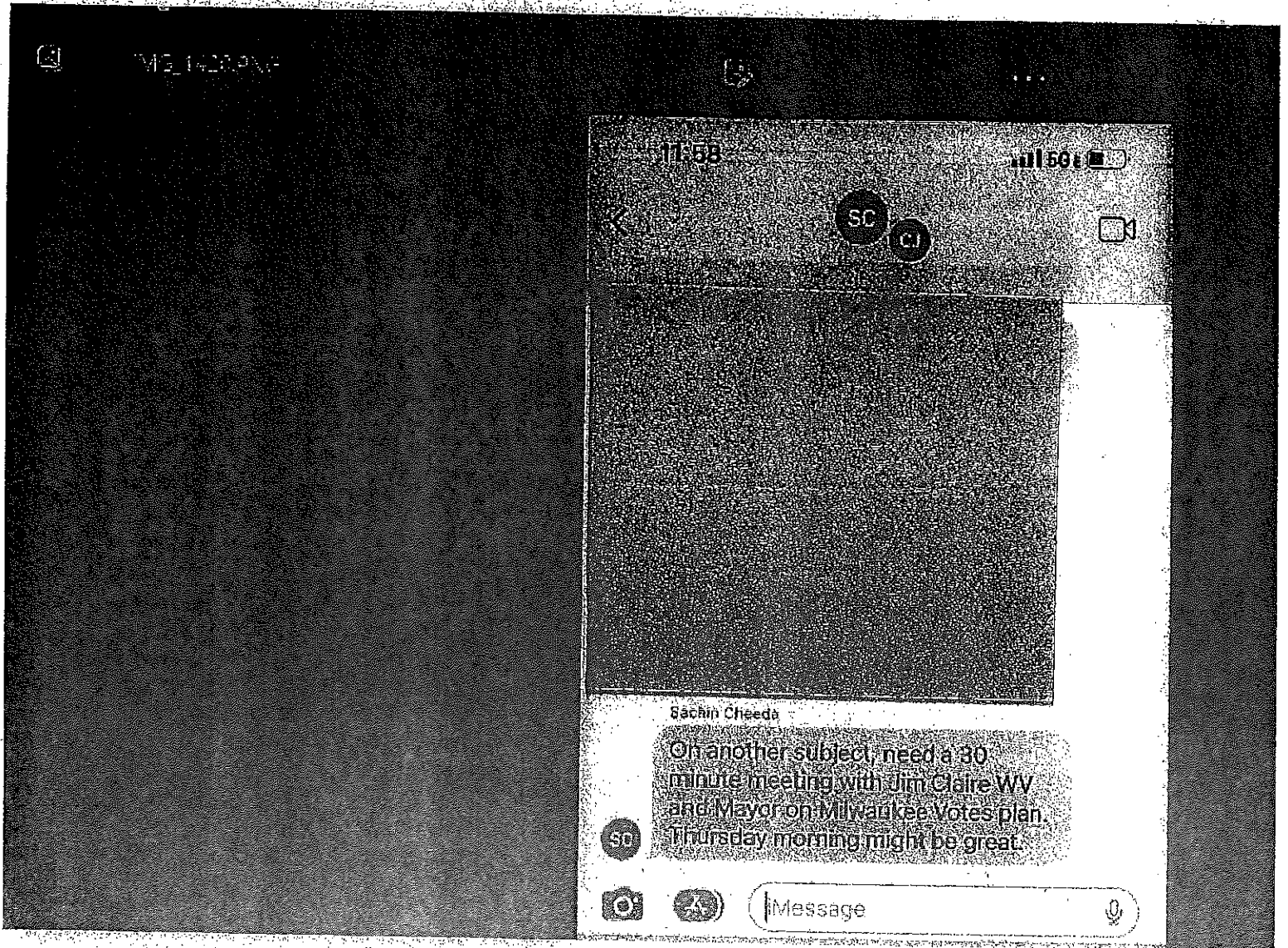
“Democrats continue to allow suspicious activity and highly partisan groups to meddle in our elections. Milwaukee Votes 2022 is essentially Zuckerbucks 2.0. This must stop now.”

Speaker Robin Vos and Senator Ducey Strobel have submitted an open records request for all communications with the City of Milwaukee and partisan Democratic out-of-state group called “GPS Impact” or any other group coordinating these efforts in Wisconsin.

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Text message from Sachin
Cheda to Mayor Johnson
and Alexis Peterson 09/04/22



12:02

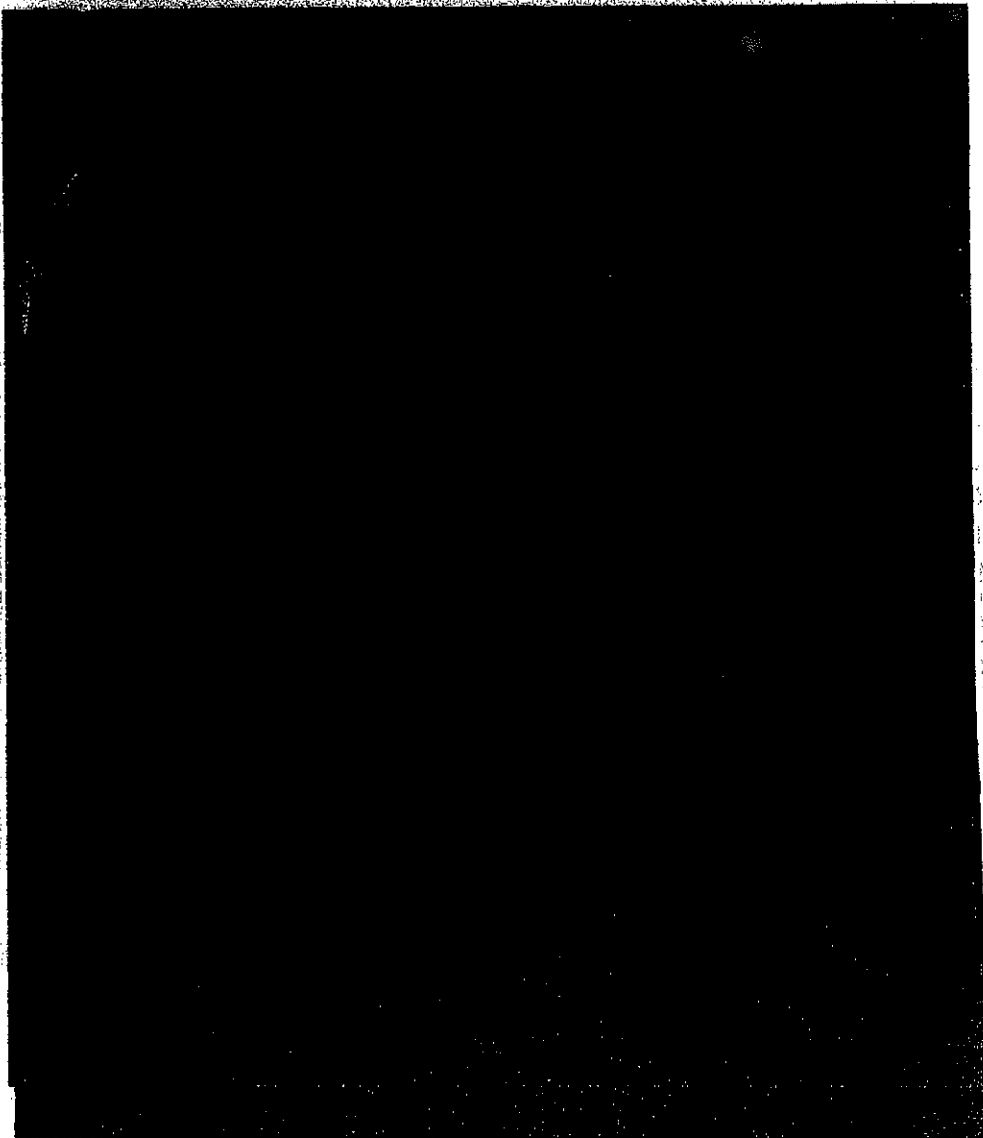


Sachin >



Tue, Sep 13 at 2:58 PM

Can we please add a meeting at 4:30 pm this Friday with Jeff, Jim, you, Mayor, regarding this young stuff and messaging, and the open records requests?



Message from Sachin Chhabra to Alexis Peterson



iMessage



< Sachin Chheda

(No subject)

Good morning! I'm hoping the four of us can connect early this afternoon about Monday's event and looking ahead. On this thread are Melissa Baldauff, Sachin, Jeff Fleming, Claire. Could we gather at City Hall at 1:30 to chat? I think 30 minutes would be enough. If that time doesn't work please suggest another.

Message between Sachin Chheda and Jeff Fleming



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< Sachin Chheda



Fine by me. Where at CH?

S Claire's office?

Claire if that works for you we will come to your office?

Good for me.

S OK, just to confirm we are meeting at Claire's office, the election commission, at 1:30 PM today, 5th floor of city hall. I'm not sending a calendar invite, see



< Sachin Chheda

1:20 AM, Sep 9



(No subject)

OK, just to confirm we are meeting at Claire's office, the election commission, at 1:30 PM today, 5th floor of city hall. I'm not sending a calendar invite, see you there.

Agenda will include content of remarks for Monday, from various sources, as well as figuring out the plan on the advisory and pitching. We also want to make sure we're informing our stakeholders and partners. Claire can you please send me those materials we discussed, the list of groups that you're talking to, and anything from the Milwaukee votes rollout event from earlier this year.



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< Sachin Chheda



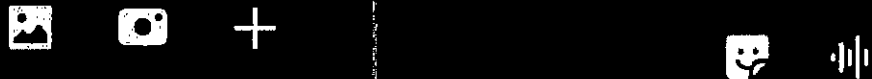
Getting multiple media requests on where the \$\$ \$ is coming from for canvassing and outreach. Do you have a suggested answer?

Ⓢ Private donors
And foundations.

Alison Dirr will press for more. Are there names I can give her?

Ⓢ You can direct her to Melissa.

12:25 PM



11:54 ↑ ↑



< Sachin Chheda
+1 414 266 999



Melissa is the
spokesperson for
Milwaukee Votes
2022. They must
have an answer?



Actually hold on.
Can we just sit tight
for an hour and
then get back to
folks?



There are nonprofit,
nonpartisan groups
who are canvassing
door to door,
entirely at private
donor expense,
to encourage



< Sachin Chitambar

8:28 PM, Sep 12

(No subject)

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"There are nonprofit, nonpartisan groups who are canvassing door to door, funded entirely by civic-minded philanthropists, to encourage Milwaukeeans to vote. The city is neither funding nor receiving funds to canvass, and the mayor is voicing his support for the city's partnership with these nonprofit, nonpartisan groups who are mobilizing voters."



11:54



< Sachin Chheda

8:14 PM, Sep 11



(No subject)

Also:

"The mayor is excited about all the work happening to encourage voting with the city and in partnership with outside groups. That includes the widget being installed on the city website which was developed by nonprofit partners and is available to any citizen who wants to check their voter registration status or learn how to register, regardless of party. That includes the Early Voting sites funded by city taxpayers that allow all citizens to vote at more than a dozen locations across the city over the course of the 2-weeks early voting period. It includes the work discussed today to make it easier for disabled citizens to have their voice heard. And it includes the city's support of these nonprofit, nonpartisan groups who are canvassing door to door.



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< Sachin Chheda

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3:54 PM



"This program is supported by private philanthropy and civic-minded donors. Philanthropy routinely helps government programs meet core needs, including w



ith parks and libraries. This program is no different. As Americans, our right to vote is a privilege and a responsibility.



11:55



< Sachin Chheda
+144126099



This program helps
us encoura

ge every eligible
resident to register,
vote, and make their
voice heard."

(Could definitely add
that these funds are
not going into the
City, but throu

gh local non-profit
organizations,
and are not being
used for election
administration.)



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< Sachin Chheda

PHOTO BY SACIN CHHEDA



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< Sachin Chheda
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S Please send me
whatever you use

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Message saved to Messages

S Hi. I'm sorry about
the confusion,
honestly, and I'm
just saying this to
you, I wish you'd
shared the remarks
with me as I'd asked
repeatedly, because I
would have caught
that wording and
fixed it.

Our funders do not
want us to refer
folks to Melissa



11/25/17

< Sachin Chheda
+144726099



Our funders do not want us to refer folks to Melissa after all. Again, I'm sorry about the confusion. As a

Ⓢ matter of course, I do not engage bad actors like Dan O'Donnell. He's not a journalist. He's a political activist.

If there are further enquiries, can we please discuss before any response



11:56



< Sachin Chheda



PH: 06099

any response
is offered. I'd
appreciate it. Thank
you.

S Also, it's my current
understanding
that we have a
presser Monday
morning on voter
registration week. I
have come to learn
that there's also a
Bucks pres

S ser in the world.
Please keep me in
the loop. Is that the
same event, or a
different event and



12 25 17

< Sachin Chheda



same event, or a
different event, and
if so then when are
you planning that
for?

I'm not clear.

1) yesterday you
texted me that
Melissa was the
spokesperson.
Should I not send
inquiries to her?

2) are we
coordinating all vote
events with your
group? Based on
the media frenzy
yesterday, I don't
think that is a good



11:56



< Sachin Chheda

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think that is a good idea.

3) Monday is a library voting event. The following week, Tuesday, is the Fiserv announcement.

S 1. That was wrong on my part.

S 2. When I don't have information we can't coordinate, I'm not saying every event would be with us, but if you can let me know what's going



< Sachin Chheda



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saying every event
would be with us,
but if you can let me
know what's going
on, then I can

answer questions
and plan. So yes I
do want to know
everything related to
voting.

3. Great.

Open records
requests have
started.



Okay. Please share
as you get them.

2:41



11:57



< Sachin Chheda



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S. Ghatal.

12:51 PM

Open records requests have started.

S Okay. Please share as you get them.

S I'm talking to these guys about a better answer for us and a better answer for you.

Can we talk later?

This chain will be part of the records response.



Savidusky, Melodie

From: Hawley, Michelle <Michelle.Hawley@milwaukeecountywi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 5:09 PM
To: Rep.Brandtjen
Cc: Christenson, George; Dostanic, Stefan; Savage, Bill; Hawley, Michelle
Subject: RE: Open Records Request (Janel Brandtjen - Souls to the Polls)
Attachments: Email Communication 9_13_2022.pdf

Categories: Mel

Dear State Representative Brandtjen:

This communication is in response to your September 14, 2022 open records request to Milwaukee County Clerk George Christenson wherein you requested the following records:

“ . . . any communications including, but not limited to, emails and attachments, both sent and received; text messages; message and materials exchanged or viewed through online applications; any other correspondence, internal and external; and all other records, including physical and electronic, between any person in the Milwaukee County Clerk’s Office and any person at Souls to the Polls.”

Please be advised that after conducting a search for any and all responsive records, we are attaching one email communication between Deputy County Clerk Stefan Dostanic and Dale Dulberger of Souls to the Polls. Should any of the embedded links contained within the attachment not work, please contact our office and we can provide a copy of the full link. We are not in possession of any other records responsive to your request.

We believe this satisfies Milwaukee County’s response to your request and will consider this matter closed. To the extent you consider anything in this communication to be a denial of your request, be advised the above determinations are subject to review by mandamus action under Wis. Stat. § 19.37(1), or upon application to the Wisconsin Attorney General. See Wis. Stat. § 19.35(4)(b).

Sincerely,



Michelle R. Hawley

Director

Milwaukee County Election Commission

Direct: (414) 278-4061 | Main: (414) 278-4060

Michelle.Hawley@milwaukeecountywi.gov

From: Hawley, Michelle
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 4:59 PM
To: Rep.Brandtjen@legis.wisconsin.gov
Cc: Christenson, George <George.Christenson@milwaukeecountywi.gov>; Dostanic, Stefan <Stefan.Dostanic@milwaukeecountywi.gov>; Hawley, Michelle <Michelle.Hawley@milwaukeecountywi.gov>;

Bill.Savage@legis.wisconsin.gov

Subject: RE: Open Records Request (Janel Brandtjen - Souls to the Polls)

Dear State Representative Brandtjen:

Thank you for contacting Milwaukee County. We are in receipt of your open records request dated September 14, 2022 for records related to any and all communications with Souls to the Polls from June 1, 2022 through September 14, 2022.

A reply will be provided "as soon as practicable and without delay." Wis. Stat. § 19.35(4)(a). Be advised that an authority is not required to respond within a timeframe unilaterally identified by a requester. What constitutes a reasonable time "depends on the nature of the request, the staff and other resources available to the authority to process the request, the extent of the request, and other related considerations." WIREdata, Inc. v. Vill. of Sussex, 2008 WI 69, ¶ 56.

To the extent you consider anything in this communication to be a denial of your request, be advised the above determinations are subject to review by mandamus action under Wis. Stat. § 19.37(1), or upon application to the Wisconsin Attorney General. See Wis. Stat. § 19.35(4)(b).

Sincerely,



Michelle R. Hawley

Director

Milwaukee County Election Commission

Phone: (414) 278-4060

Michelle.Hawley@milwaukeecountywi.gov

From: Christenson, George <George.Christenson@milwaukeecountywi.gov>

Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 11:59 AM

To: Hawley, Michelle <Michelle.Hawley@milwaukeecountywi.gov>; Dostanic, Stefan

<Stefan.Dostanic@milwaukeecountywi.gov>

Subject: Fw: Open Records Request - Souls to the Polls

From: Rep.Brandtjen <Rep.Brandtjen@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 10:36 AM

To: Christenson, George <George.Christenson@milwaukeecountywi.gov>

Cc: Savage, Bill <Bill.Savage@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Open Records Request - Souls to the Polls

Email originated from outside of Milwaukee County. Use the Phish Alert Report button to have IMSD review this message if you think it is suspicious.

Mr. Christenson,

From: Dostanic, Stefan
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Requested Information
Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 11:04:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Mr. Dulberger:

It was nice talking to you today. As promised, I am forwarding you the following information your requested:

Link to the Finance Committee meeting schedule, the next one being this coming Thursday, September 15th:

<https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/DepartmentDetail.aspx?ID=43694&GUID=567866BF-58B6-42CF-B87A-3AB9DE27CB1F>

This meeting will be conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams and here is the link to testimony registration form and instructions:

<https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Board-of-Supervisors/Standing-Committees#Finance>

Finally, here are the links to the resolutions and accompanying documents you requested:

[22-887](#) - A resolution supporting the enfranchisement of Milwaukee County voters through the provision of \$50,000 in funding from Org. Unit 1940-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies to the Office of the County Clerk and the Election Commission to educate residents on the voting process, supplement voter registration, and empower citizens to vote. (Approved and Signed)

[22-993](#) - A resolution encouraging Election Day turnout in Milwaukee County through the provision of no-cost bus service and paratransit trips to polling places on November 8, 2022; and allocating \$63,000 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies to Org. Unit 5600-5683 Milwaukee County Transit System to cover costs related to providing no-cost service to transit and paratransit passengers. (Approved in Transportation and Transit Committee; To be Considered by Finance Committee on September 15th).

I hope this information is helpful.

All the best,

Stefan

Stefan Dostanic (he/him/his) | Deputy Clerk
Milwaukee County Clerk's Office

901 N. 9th Street, Room 105 | Milwaukee, WI 53233

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By achieving racial equity, Milwaukee County is the healthiest county in Wisconsin.



Commissioners:
Terrell Martin, Chair
Patricia Ruiz-Cantu
Douglas Haag

Executive Director:
Claire Woodall-Vogg

September 22, 2022

Representative Janel Brandtjen
Rep.Brandtjen@legis.wisconsin.gov

Dear Representative Brandtjen:

This letter is in response to your public records request dated September 14, 2022 in which you requested certain records pursuant to the provisions of the Wisconsin Public Records Law Wis. Stat. § 19.31-39. You requested the following records:

"any communications including, but not limited to, emails and attachments, both sent and received; text messages; messages and materials exchanged or viewed through online applications; any other correspondence, internal and external; and all other records, including both physical and electronic, between any person in the City of Milwaukee Election Commission and any person at Souls to the Polls. I am requesting these documents for the timespan of June 1, 2022 through September 14, 2022."

The Election Commission conducted a search of the email accounts of all staff in the Commission, using the search term "Souls to the Polls," over the time period you referenced, and we have checked with all staff with regard to other correspondences or text messages, for any communication with any person at Souls to the Polls. Attached to this email is the one responsive record.

Please note that we recently learned that Souls to the Polls may not have a centralized email system. Consequently, if you would like us to run a separate email search for any specific names of individuals, just let us know. We searched for Rev. Greg Lewis, Anita Johnson, and Bruce Colburn, as those are the individuals I am aware of that represent Souls to the Polls.

If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (414) 286-3491.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Woodall-Vogg".

Claire Woodall-Vogg
Executive Director



Savidusky, Melodie

From: Anita Johnson <anitajohnson165@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 9:34 AM
To: Woodall-Vogg, Claire

Good Morning Claire,

Just wondering if the Mayor has produced a plan yet for the groups that he would like to work on GOVT.

Anita Johnson

September 28, 2022

Representative Janel Brandtjen
Rep.Brandtjen@legis.wisconsin.gov

Dear Representative Brandtjen:

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The Election Commission conducted a search of the email accounts of all staff in the Commission, using the search term "Milwaukee Votes 2022," over the time period you referenced, and we have checked with all staff with regard to other correspondences or text messages, for any communication with any person associated with Milwaukee Votes 2022, to the extent the identities of those individuals are known. The records responsive to your request that were located are attached to this correspondence.

Please note that there may be individuals associated with Milwaukee Votes 2022 that we are not aware of. Consequently, to the extent that there are any specific names or email addresses you know of that are associated with Milwaukee Votes 2022, whose communications you would also like us to search for, just let us know.

Please also note that there was a nonpartisan initiative announced in May of 2022 that was initially called Milwaukee Votes (no 2022), that was later renamed Wisconsin Votes.

A lawyer representing the Republican Party of Wisconsin has also filed a public records request with the Election Commission, and has asked for copies of communications not only between anyone in the Election Commission and anyone associated with Milwaukee Votes 2022, but also copies of communications between anyone in the Election Commission and anyone associated with either Milwaukee Votes or Wisconsin Votes. We are currently processing his request. If you would like copies of these communications as well, once these additional records have been located and reviewed, please let us know.

If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (414) 286-3491.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Woodall-Vogg".

Claire Woodall-Vogg
Executive Director

Woodall-Vogg, Claire

From: Woodall-Vogg, Claire
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 8:38 PM
To: Peggy Creer
Cc: Sachin Chheda
Subject: Re: Follow-Up

Hi Peggy,

I am so sorry for my terribly slow reply. In the middle of the summer my office got down to 50% vacancy. I gave up most of my coalition/outreach duties outside of poll worker recruitment in order to fill the holes and train new staff.

I am happy to report that Sachin Chheda's nonprofit-nonpartisan organization is taking the lead for the mayor. I've copied him in here in the hopes that you two can connect. From my understanding, he is very much on track to still bring in resources for voter education and outreach to the city.

Sachin, if you do not already know Peggy, she is the president of the League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County and they are undoubtedly the most informed group of volunteers out there when it comes to voter education.

Best,
Claire

From: Peggy Creer <p.creer@lwvmilwaukee.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 5:26 PM
To: Woodall-Vogg, Claire <cwooda@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Follow-Up

Hi Claire,
Just bumping this up in your inbox. Didn't want to bother you too close to the primary.
Best,
Peggy

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Peggy Creer** <p.creer@lwvmilwaukee.org>
Date: Wed, Jul 20, 2022 at 3:16 PM
Subject: Re: Follow-Up
To: Woodall-Vogg, Claire <cwooda@milwaukee.gov>
Cc: Peg Schrader <p.schrader@lwvmilwaukee.org>

Hi Claire,
I haven't heard anything more about the GOTV campaign announced by Mayor Johnson, and see nothing on the mayor's website. Do you have any info to share (or direct me to the campaign coordinator)? Also wondering if any funds are coming to the League in the run-up to fall elections.

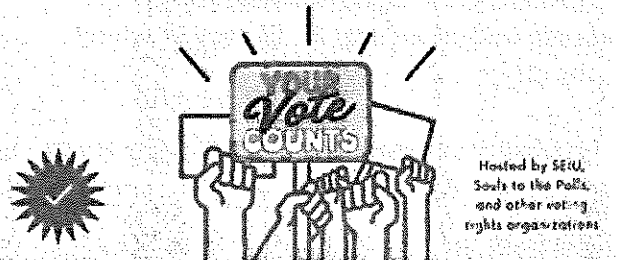
Sam Munger contacted LWVWI's Eileen Newcomer about the event below; Eileen forwarded to me.

Best,
Peggy Creer

Celebrate a resolution that empowers voters!

Thurs. July 21 at 11am
Zeldler Municipal Bldg.
(841 N. Broadway, Milwaukee)

We'll be joined by Milwaukee County Board members, Clerk
George Christenson, and Rev. Greg Lewis of Souls to the Polls.



On Fri, May 20, 2022 at 11:18 AM Woodall-Vogg, Claire <cwooda@milwaukee.gov> wrote:

Hi Peggy,

The press conference will be at 10:15am (it was moved back slightly for the Mayor) in the Rotunda of City Hall. We are trying to keep it short and sweet, with hopefully one person from each anchor institution "category" (school, nonprofit, government, business) speak. If you are okay not talking, Anita Johnson from Souls to the Polls was eager to speak.

Thanks!

Claire

From: Peggy Creer <p.creer@lwvmilwaukee.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 10:45 AM
To: Woodall-Vogg, Claire <cwooda@milwaukee.gov>
Cc: Peg Schrader <p.schrader@lwvmilwaukee.org>
Subject: Re: Follow-Up

Thanks, Claire! This looks great -- very exciting!

Where is the press conference on Tuesday? Am I in the lineup of speakers (no offense taken if not)?

Best,

Peggy

On Thu, May 19, 2022 at 9:55 AM Woodall-Vogg, Claire <cwooda@milwaukee.gov> wrote:

Hi Peggy,

Please see the attached for a general layout of how we visualize the coalition functioning.

Thanks!

Claire

From: Peggy Creer <p.creer@lwvmilwaukee.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:38 PM
To: Woodall-Vogg, Claire <cwooda@milwaukee.gov>
Cc: Peg Schrader <p.schrader@lwvmilwaukee.org>
Subject: Re: Follow-Up

Thanks for the update, Claire. I'm happy to join the press conference. Can you provide some kind of brief summary so I can let our board know what's going on? I like them to affirm our joining a coalition; as always "nonpartisan" is key. And I really appreciate your including the LWVMC in your funding proposal!

Best,

Peggy

On Tue, May 17, 2022 at 1:25 PM Woodall-Vogg, Claire <cwooda@milwaukee.gov> wrote:

Hi Peg and Peggy,

I wanted to follow-up, as Patrick and I met yesterday. I did not realize he was also seeking out a fiscal agent, who appears to already be well-situated to manage an incoming grant. With that said, we would still very much like for the League to join our coalition (including at Tuesday's 10am press conference if you are available). The League also has the strongest, most reliable and well-trained volunteer base. I would like to include a request for grant funds to go directly to the League to support your registration work when we submit our proposal (with your permission, of course). I will follow-up on the funding aspect as soon as I learn more!

Best,

Claire

Claire Woodall-Vogg

Executive Director

City of Milwaukee Election Commission

200 East Wells Street, Room 501

Milwaukee, WI 53202

Phone: 414.286.3491

Email: cwooda@milwaukee.gov

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Woodall-Vogg, Claire

From: Woodall-Vogg, Claire
Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 11:20 AM
To: sachin@nation-consulting.com
Subject: Voting Resources

Hi Sachin,

Here is a google drive document where we maintain current resource materials. Feel free to print or modify anything you would like to use. We hope to add the early voting schedule by the end of the day.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yJgfmA8NqIp-WGg4iT3cPmD-OYR8mX?usp=sharing>

Thanks,
Claire

Claire Woodall-Vogg, (she/her)
Executive Director
City of Milwaukee Election Commission
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Milwaukee, WI 53202
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Email: cwooda@milwaukee.gov

Woodall-Vogg, Claire

From: Force Cahill, Eileen
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 4:05 PM
To: Woodall-Vogg, Claire
Subject: RE: press conference Monday

Let's you and I talk first ☺

From: Woodall-Vogg, Claire
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 3:40 PM
To: Force Cahill, Eileen <eforce@milwaukee.gov>; sachin@nation-consulting.com; Fleming, Jeff <Jeff.Fleming2@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: RE: press conference Monday

Ahhh got it! Well you and I can handle those logistics without involving Jeff or Sachin. I'll send you an invite. I thought you may have wanted to discuss coms more. ☺

From: Force Cahill, Eileen <eforce@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 3:06 PM
To: Woodall-Vogg, Claire <cwooda@milwaukee.gov>; sachin@nation-consulting.com; Fleming, Jeff <Jeff.Fleming2@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: RE: press conference Monday

Great! Tomorrow before 1pm works best for me. Right now, I'm wide open if you want to send a calendar invite.

I just need to nail down what's needed at Mitchell Street and anything else you can think of for MPL to support the event and the effort!

Talk soon,
Eileen

From: Woodall-Vogg, Claire
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 2:29 PM
To: Force Cahill, Eileen <eforce@milwaukee.gov>; sachin@nation-consulting.com; Fleming, Jeff <Jeff.Fleming2@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: RE: press conference Monday

Hi Eileen,

Yes. Looping in Sachin and Jeff who will likely have more input on scope and content from the Mayor and Milwaukee Votes 2022's point of view.

I have time tomorrow before 1pm, Thursday after 3pm, or Friday after 1pm.

Claire

From: Force Cahill, Eileen <eforce@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 2:00 PM
To: Woodall-Vogg, Claire <cwooda@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: press conference Monday

Hi!

Hope fall is off to a good start with all the crazy going on. I was wondering if we should touch base this week (you and I) about the press conference Monday. Do you have time for a quick call in the next couple days?

Eileen Force Cahill
Director, Community Relations & Engagement
Milwaukee Public Library



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Woodall-Vogg, Claire

From: Dirr, Alison <adirr@jrn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 4:46 PM
To: Fleming, Jeff; Melissa Baldauff; Woodall-Vogg, Claire
Subject: RE: For Immediate Release: Joint statement MKE Votes 2022

Thanks much.

From: Fleming, Jeff <Jeff.Fleming2@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 4:42 PM
To: Dirr, Alison <adirr@jrn.com>; Melissa Baldauff <melissa@gpsimpact.com>; Woodall-Vogg, Claire <cwooda@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: RE: For Immediate Release: Joint statement MKE Votes 2022

Here's a statement from me:

Milwaukee Votes 2022 is not an entity itself. It is a name under which a range of supporters – business associations, not-for profits, and other civic-minded individuals encourage voter participation. The city of Milwaukee neither receives nor provides money for these efforts. All the work is nonpartisan; none of the efforts support individual candidates or causes.

The Mayor wants all eligible Milwaukee residents to cast ballots in upcoming elections. He supports democracy, and he wants voices in Milwaukee to be heard.

From: Dirr, Alison <adirr@jrn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 3:44 PM
To: Fleming, Jeff <Jeff.Fleming2@milwaukee.gov>; Melissa Baldauff <melissa@gpsimpact.com>; Woodall-Vogg, Claire <cwooda@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: FW: For Immediate Release: Joint statement MKE Votes 2022

Hi Jeff, Melissa and Claire –

Do any of you have any comment on this? Also, are you able to tell me specifically who is funding the Milwaukee Votes 2022 campaign?

Thanks,
Alison

From: Spicuzza, Mary <mary.spicuzza@jrn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 3:24 PM
To: Dirr, Alison <adirr@jrn.com>
Subject: Fw: For Immediate Release: Joint statement MKE Votes 2022

From: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 3:16 PM
Subject: For Immediate Release: Joint statement MKE Votes 2022

Republicans Demand the City of Milwaukee Cease in Highly Partisan Voting Activities

Madison... Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester), Speaker Pro Tempore Tyler August (R-Lake Geneva), Assistant Majority Leader Kevin Petersen (R-Waupaca), and Wisconsin Elections Commission member Don Millis released the following statement regarding “Milwaukee Votes 2022” door-to-door canvassing.

“We are demanding that the City of Milwaukee immediately cease assisting a privately-funded, liberal group in their efforts to only engage with and turn out certain voters. Public resources should not be used for Get Out the Vote (GOTV) drives that inherently favor one party or candidate over another.

“The City of Milwaukee’s promotion and coordination of potentially illegal activities under the guise of canvassing is why Wisconsin voters have lost confidence in our elections. It is inappropriate for any municipality to support a GOTV campaign.

“Democrats continue to allow suspicious activity and highly partisan groups to meddle in our elections. Milwaukee Votes 2022 is essentially Zuckerbucks 2.0. This must stop now.”

Speaker Robin Vos and Senator Ducey Strobel have submitted an open records request for all communications with the City of Milwaukee and partisan Democratic out-of-state group called “GPS Impact” or any other group coordinating these efforts in Wisconsin.

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New Group MMS

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To: Sachin Chheda & 2 more...

Text Message
Fri, Sep 9, 9:32 AM

Sachin Chheda

Good morning! I'm hoping the four of us can connect early this afternoon about Monday's event and looking ahead. On this thread are Melissa Baldauff, Sachin, Jeff Fleming, Claire. Could we gather at City Hall at 1:30 to chat? I think 30 minutes would be enough. If that time doesn't work please suggest another.



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That works for me!

Sachin Chheda

Claire if that works for you we will come to your office?



Works for me!

Fri, Sep 9, 11:00 AM

Sachin Chheda



Text Message



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Sachin Chheda

OK, just to confirm we are meeting at Claire's office, the election commission, at 1:30 PM today, 5th floor of city hall. I'm not sending a calendar invite, see you there.

Agenda will include content of remarks for Monday, from various sources, as well as figuring out the plan on the advisory and pitching. We also want to make sure we're informing our stakeholders and partners. Claire can you please send me those materials we discussed, the list of groups that you're talking to, and anything from the Milwaukee votes rollout event from earlier this year.

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Text Message



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Sorry that's a butt dial

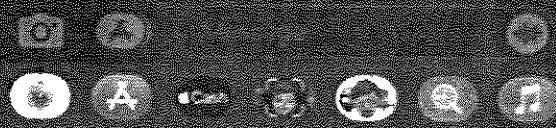
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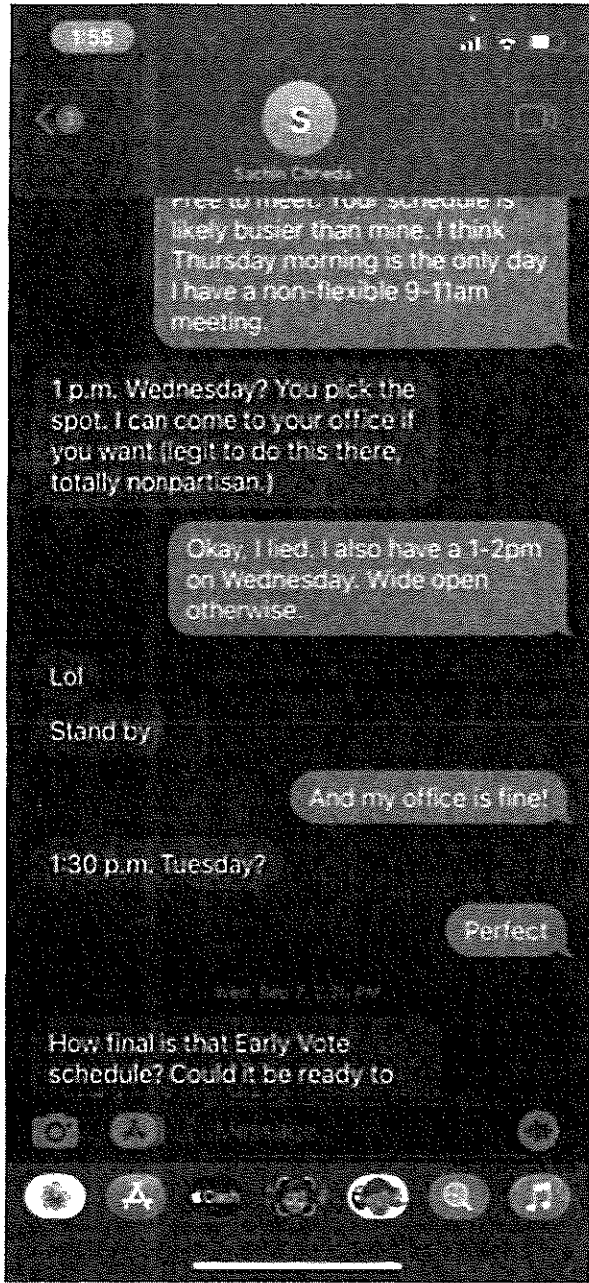
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Hey, looks like the grant for the nonpartisan canvass is coming through. We did not get money for mail yet. Did the widget thing work out yet? Can you find time to meet next week so I can walk you through stuff and we can strategize a bit?

Widget still hasn't gone through because of an end user license agreement our ACA won't freaking review or let me sign. 4 months now to review a 3 page document. I think I may have to go to Jim Bohl to get the agreement (widget is ready to go live). I can do that next week.

Free to meet. Your schedule is likely busier than mine. I think





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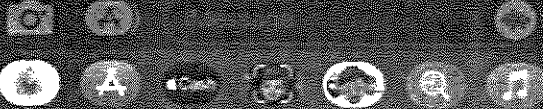
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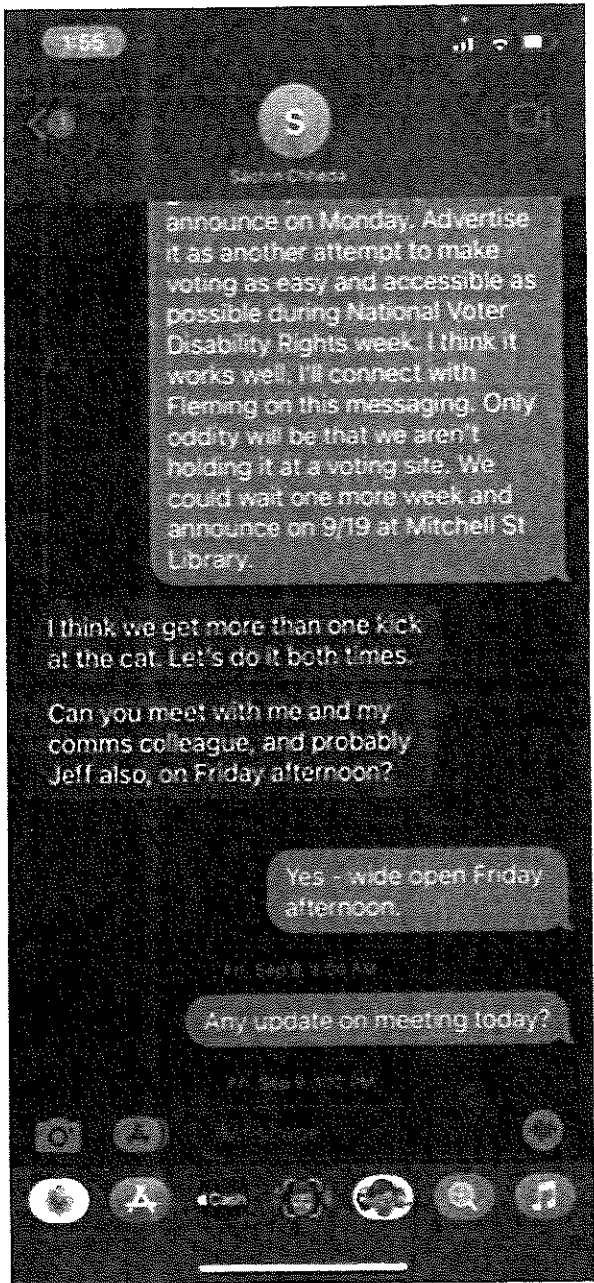
How final is that Early Vote schedule? Could it be ready to publicly release Friday or Monday? The Mayor has that press conference Monday, could that work?

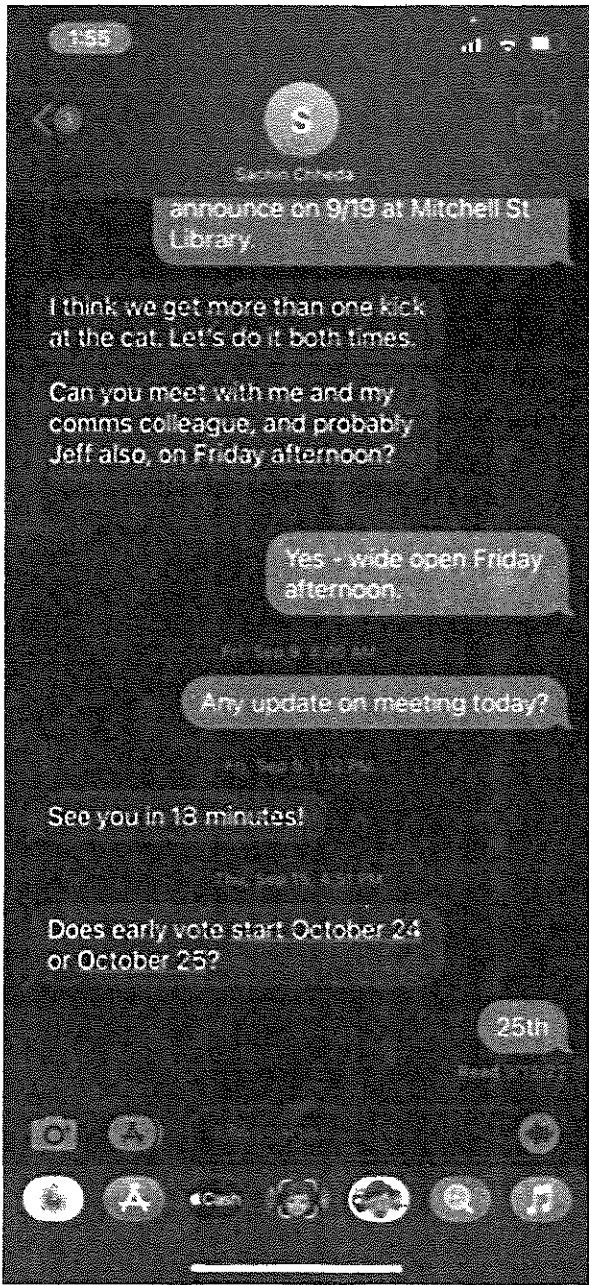
Also any update on the widget? Can it be live by that event Monday?

No update on widget. Bohl checked in with the attorney again this morning. It's just giving IT the green light - that is all set and ready to go.

Early Vote schedule has been green-lit by the Bucks, so we can announce on Monday. Advertise







Savidusky, Melodie

From: Owczarski, Jim <jowcza@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 11:30 AM
To: Rep.Brandtjen
Cc: Block, Peter J.
Subject: Response to Public Records Request
Attachments: Re: Open Records Request; Symbolic Elections resolution ; Re: Open Records Request; RE: Open Records Request; Fw: Open Records Request; RE: Open Records Request; Open Records Request; Urban Milwaukee Daily - 09/13/2022; Urban Milwaukee Daily - 09/13/2022; Urban Milwaukee Daily - 09/13/2022; Urban Milwaukee Daily - 09/13/2022; Urban Milwaukee Daily - 09/13/2022; FW: For Jud/Leg this Monday 9/12; For Jud/Leg this Monday 9/12; Re: Vendors for Community Resource Event July 15th; FW: Symbolic Elections resolution ; FW: Symbolic Elections resolution ; RE: Symbolic Elections resolution ; Re: Symbolic Elections resolution ; RE: Symbolic Elections resolution ; FW: Symbolic Elections resolution

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The Honorable,
Rep. Janel Brandtjen

VIA E-MAIL

Dear Representative Brandtjen,

Please accept this correspondence as my response to your public record request seeking records related to "GPS Impact," "Souls to the Polls," and "Milwaukee Votes 2022."

Attached to this correspondence, please find those e-mails responsive to your request discovered by a search of this office's e-mail server. This search was conducted by our Information Technology and Management Division. I further checked with staff with regard to other correspondence or text messages, but no records responsive to your request could be located.

This concludes my response to this request. Should you have questions, &c., please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Jim

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From: Broadnax, Keith <Keith.Broadnax@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2022 9:13 AM
To: Medhin, Ted
Subject: FW: Symbolic Elections resolution

FYI

Keith Broadnax, Manager
Legislative Reference Bureau
City of Milwaukee
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414.708.9380 cell

From: Zamarripa, JoCasta <JoCasta@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 8:52 AM
To: Broadnax, Keith <Keith.Broadnax@milwaukee.gov>
Cc: Owczarski, Jim <jowcza@milwaukee.gov>; Doherty, Patricia <pdoher@milwaukee.gov>; Phillip, Laurie <lphill@milwaukee.gov>
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Ted:
This is related to LRB 177484. Updated language.

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I will forward the new language to the drafter.

Let us know re: IA. We don't have to make a decision until Monday morning anyway.

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To: Owczarski, Jim
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Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2022 11:53 AM
To: Owczarski, Jim
Cc: Doherty, Patricia
Subject: Symbolic Elections resolution
Attachments: Milwaukee County Democracy Resolution DRAFT-2.docx

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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DEMOCRACY AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the survival of our democracy depends on free and fair elections, where all eligible voters have the right to make their voices heard, and,

WHEREAS, that right is already enshrined in Wisconsin State Law in §12.09(1-3) which states that "no person may personally or through an agent make use of or threaten to make use of force, violence, or restraint in order to induce or compel any person to vote or refrain from voting at an election."

WHEREAS, we believe Milwaukee County has been well-served by the current system of non-partisan election administration governed by the Wisconsin Election Commission, managed by municipal clerks and the Milwaukee Election Commission, and administered by our friends and neighbors who serve as election inspectors and poll workers, and,

WHEREAS, over the past few years, bad actors in our society have attempted to bully, threaten, and undermine nonpartisan election administrators, making it harder for election officials to do their jobs, which reduces faith in the electoral process and hurts the health of our democracy, and,

WHEREAS, looking forward to the 2022 Fall General Election and beyond, we reaffirm our conviction that these nonpartisan election officials and the Wisconsin Election Commission are best equipped to preside over free and fair elections, and should do so without the fear of threats and intimidation, and,

WHEREAS, this Milwaukee County Board strongly opposes any future attempts to seize power over elections from municipal clerks and the Wisconsin Election Commission to grant it to any type of partisan entity, and,

WHEREAS, as long as our non-partisan election administrators continue to administer our elections with accessibility, fairness, equality, safety, and security in mind, we are fully committed to standing behind them in the face of unfounded attacks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Executive and County Board of Milwaukee County express full confidence in Wisconsin's system of non-partisan election administration led by the Wisconsin Election Commission and administered by local election officials.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call on state lawmakers to cease all attempts to undermine, disrupt, or revoke the Wisconsin Election Commission's authority over Wisconsin elections, as well as the authority of county and municipal clerks.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we support our friends and neighbors who serve as poll workers and local election officials, including our Milwaukee Election Commission staff and clerks throughout Milwaukee County.

Savidusky, Melodie

From: Analyst, Legislative Fiscal <Luke.Knapp@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2022 10:45 AM
To: Knapp2, Luke
Subject: FW: For Jud/Leg this Monday 9/12
Attachments: elec3.docx

From: Zamarripa, JoCasta <JoCasta@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 10:44:45 AM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)
To: Perez, Jose <JoseG.Perez@milwaukee.gov>; Analyst, Legislative Fiscal <Luke.Knapp@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: For Jud/Leg this Monday 9/12

Hi Mr. President and Luke-

I mentioned this to José and Marina this summer. The Souls to the Polls advocates are asking for it. It's just a symbolic resolution to encourage people to vote and that voters shouldn't be harassed or intimidated.

I am going to forward it to Bork, now, too.

Will you let him know that you'd like it to be scheduled for this Monday, Sept. 12th?

Let me know if you have any further questions.

Thanks!

JZ

Sent from my iPhone

IMMEDIATE ADOPTION

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Resolution expressing the City of Milwaukee's support for and confidence in Wisconsin's system of nonpartisan elections.

..Analysis

This resolution expresses the City's support for and confidence in Wisconsin's system of nonpartisan administration of elections led by the Wisconsin Elections Commission and administered by local election officials.

The resolution also calls on state lawmakers to cease all attempts to undermine, disrupt or revoke the Wisconsin Elections Commission's authority over Wisconsin elections, as well as the authority of county and municipal clerks.

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Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Common Council expresses its support for and confidence in Wisconsin's system of nonpartisan administration of elections led by the Wisconsin Election Commission and administered by local election officials; and, be it

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..Requestor

..Drafter
LRB177484-1
Teodros W. Medhin
7/5/2022

Savidusky, Melodie

From: Urban Milwaukee <info@urbanmilwaukee.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 8:05 AM
To: keith.broadnax@milwaukee.gov
Subject: Urban Milwaukee Daily - 09/13/2022

Your daily update on the news affecting Milwaukee.

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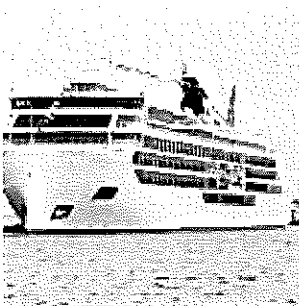


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Milwaukee Faces Cruise Ship Arms Race

By JERAMEY JANNENE on Sep 12, 2022 07:16 pm

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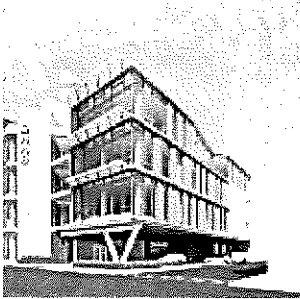
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By MILWAUKEE METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT on Sep 12, 2022 07:15 pm

Drop off your old and unused household hazardous waste at our Wauwatosa City Hall (Includes electronics), 7725 W. North Ave., mobile collection location Sept. 17 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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MKE County: County Can't Decide on Coggs Building

By GRAHAM KILMER on Sep 12, 2022 05:41 pm

Committee approves \$32 million for new DHHS building, and officials seem to favor razing the Coggs building.

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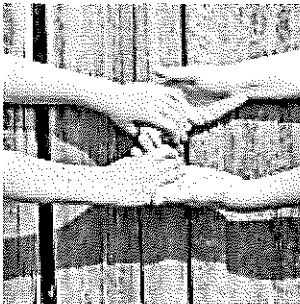


New Third Ward Restaurant Planned

By SOPHIE BOLICH on Sep 12, 2022 05:08 pm

Sweet Diner owners plan to open District 4 Social in former location of ping pong bar.

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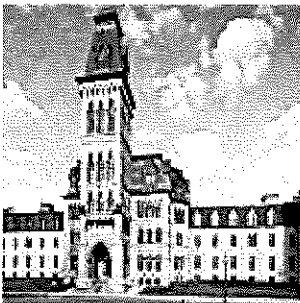


Murphy's Law: The Startling Decline in Child Poverty

By BRUCE MURPHY on Sep 12, 2022 04:29 pm

Study finds it's down 65% in Wisconsin and 59% nationally since 1993, driven by government aid.

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Milwaukee Preservation Alliance Seeks New Leader

By JERAMEY JANNENE on Sep 12, 2022 03:44 pm

Executive director Jeremy Ebersole leaving the city's leading historic preservation group.

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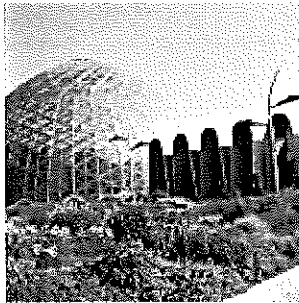


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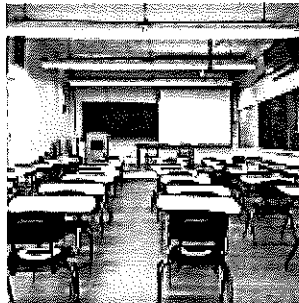


Op Ed: How the Domes Can Be Saved

By FRANK SCHNEIGER on Sep 12, 2022 02:57 pm

Just as New York's Central Park was. Create a nonprofit conservancy to revive and restore the domes and Mitchell Park.

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Uneasy Start to School Year in Waukesha

By ISIAH HOLMES, WISCONSIN EXAMINER on Sep 12, 2022 01:46 pm

National trend 'to attack school boards, LGBTQ rights and ban books is playing out.'

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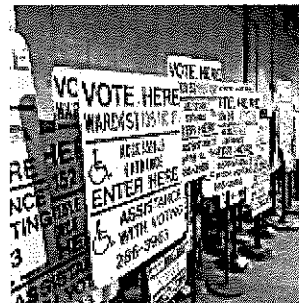


Presenting the Original King of Chicken

By SOPHIE BOLICH on Sep 12, 2022 12:34 pm

North-side takeout restaurant opening a few blocks from Washington Park.

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The State of Politics: Is An Elections Inspector General Needed?

By STEVEN WALTERS on Sep 12, 2022 11:52 am

Wisconsin Elections Commission requests funding for new position and 10 new staff. Why?

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Arts & Entertainment



Classical: Present Music Rethinks Beauty And The Beast

By MICHAEL BARNDT on Sep 09, 2022 03:04 pm
Famous Cocteau film reconceived with all its dialogue sung to a Philip Glass score.

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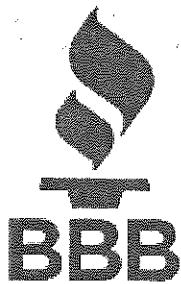


Books: Getting To Know Sondheim

By DOMINIQUE PAUL NOTH on Sep 01, 2022 01:59 pm
Milwaukeean Paul Salsini edited a journal devoted to the legendary composer lyricist and his new book, 'Sondheim & Me' offers a unique view.

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Press Releases:



BBB Tip: Protecting older adults from scams, abuse

By WISCONSIN BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU on Sep 13, 2022 06:58 am
Helping older adults avoid fraud

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Transforming Wisconsin's workforce

By WISCONSIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION on Sep 12, 2022 03:32 pm
Historic investment in state's workforce begins to pay off

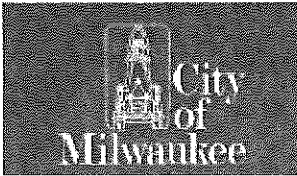
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Colectivo Coffee & University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Partner Together for New Coffee

By COLECTIVO COFFEE on Sep 12, 2022 03:02 pm

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Development Teams Announced for Homes MKE Initiative

By CITY OF MILWAUKEE DEPARTMENT OF CITY DEVELOPMENT on Sep 12, 2022 02:07 pm

The Homes MKE initiative will renovate City-owned vacant houses to build stronger neighborhoods

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Supervisor Coggs-Jones Applauds Expanded Access to Free COVID-19 Self-Tests

By SUP. PRISCILLA E COGGS-JONES on Sep 12, 2022 12:22 pm

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Baldwin Joins Colleagues to Introduce Bipartisan Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022

By U.S. SEN. TAMMY BALDWIN on Sep 12, 2022 12:13 pm

Legislation Includes Funding for Icebreaker, Other Great Lakes Priorities

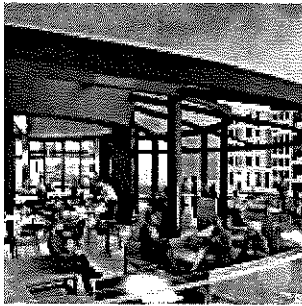
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Incidental Take Notice For Chippewa County

By WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES on Sep 12, 2022 11:03 am

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Associated Bank Partnering with F Street Hospitality for new Dining Experiences at Renovated Milwaukee Associated Bank River Center

By ASSOCIATED BANK on Sep 12, 2022 10:01 am

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Innovative Effort to Encourage Wisconsin Voting Nov. 8 Offering \$10,000 in Scholarships for Creating Best Art for Social Media to Turn Out Voters

By SOULS TO THE POLLS WI on Sep 12, 2022 09:37 am

Students, other residents, are focus of competition, which runs through Oct. 14

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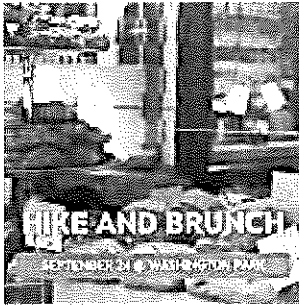
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Ex Fabula StorySlam: Good Trouble

Sep 21, 2022 06:30 pm

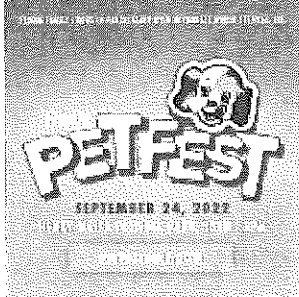
Ex Fabula StorySlams are live events where community members connect and share true, personal stories related to the night's theme, told without props or notes.



Hike & Brunch

Sep 24, 2022 08:00 am

Join us for an early morning stroll from Washington Park to Amaranth Bakery & Cafe.



Fromm Petfest

Sep 24, 2022 10:00 am

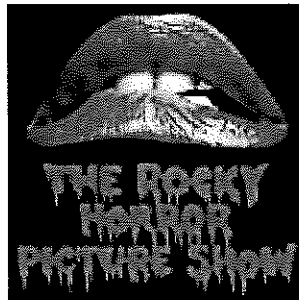
Fromm Petfest is a family event that will host a variety of pet-focused attractions and activities.



MKE Fine Craft Studio Tour

Oct 01, 2022 10:00 am

Over 12 studios locations will feature the work of over 30 artists showing their unique handicrafts.

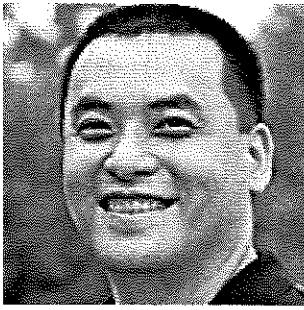


Skylight Presents Halloween Film Screening with Live Shadow Cast of 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show'

Oct 31, 2022 07:30 pm

Celebrate Halloween with 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show' film screening, featuring a live spooktacular shadow cast at Skylight!

New Faces:



Marquette computer science professor receives NSF funding for confidential computing solutions

By MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY on Sep 12, 2022 03:15 pm

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The Bartolotta Restaurants Names Sheryl Bunker as Chief Financial Officer

By THE BARTOLOTTA RESTAURANTS on Sep 12, 2022 11:03 am
Veteran finance and accounting executive to oversee financial operations for Milwaukee's premier restaurant and catering organization

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Sarah Greenberg Appointed President, Cinnaire Lending

By CINNAIRE on Sep 09, 2022 10:38 am

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Marquette nursing professor named fellow of American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology

By MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY on Sep 06, 2022 03:17 pm
AANA's most elite professional achievement, the fellowship is a recognized hallmark of leadership and outstanding achievements in the profession and science of nurse anesthesiology.

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From: Shirleen Givens <giveclicks5@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2022 9:16 AM
To: Gus Straub; Jason Thompson; Vivian Watson
Subject: Re: Vendors for Community Resource Event July 15th

OOPS! Also, SOULS TO THE POLLS

Best regards,
Sis. Shirleen Givens
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Overseas Mission Secretary
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On Friday, July 8, 2022, 08:53:00 AM CDT, Shirleen Givens <giveclicks5@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Hello Everyone,

I pray you are doing well.

Here' a list of vendors that will be at our Community Resource Event on July 15th. Also, HD Online Gospel Radio and 103.1FM will announce the event along with the list of vendors on the radio!!!!

MPS, Home Depot, MKE Health Dept., Safe and Sound, Legacies Insurance, BANK FIVE NINE, SEEK JOBS, WIC, Molina Healthcare, Building Bridge PNCC and CCC, LLC, Helen's Home Healthcare, Workforce Development, Recyclable Teacher's Closet

Any questions and/or concerns, please contact me.

Thank you in advance for your participation! Blessings

Best regards,
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From: Hunzicker, Brandon L - ELECTIONS <brandon.hunzicker@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 10:57 AM
To: Rep.Brandtjen
Subject: WEC response to September 13 and 14 Public Records Requests
Attachments: Additional document for today's 1:30 WI Disability Vote Coalition Monthly Meeting; FW: Reminder: Disability Vote Coalition Meeting today at 1:30 - 3 on Zoom; materials for 8/3 1 PM WI Disability Vote Coalition Monthly Meeting; RE: materials for 8/3 1 PM WI Disability Vote Coalition Monthly Meeting; Reminder - September 7th 1:30 Disability Vote Coalition meeting; FW_ Status of WEC's implementation of LAB recommendations .msg

Categories: Mel

Dear Representative Brandtjen,

Attached are records that may be responsive to your requests of September 13 and 14. Your first request, concerning GPS Impact, asked for communications between anyone at the WEC and 6 specific individuals in Milwaukee. The WEC conducted a search and did not find any responsive records. Your September 14 requests, concerning Souls to the Polls and Milwaukee Votes 2022, did not name any specific individuals from those organizations, making the search open-ended and likely not reasonably specific. However, we conducted the search and there were very few records that might be responsive, and all potentially responsive records are attached here.

To the extent that this response denies any part of your public records request, the WEC's determination is subject to review in an action for mandamus under Wis. Stat. § 19.37(1), or by application to a district attorney or the Attorney General.

Sincerely,

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From: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 1:03 PM
To: Schwoerer, Tiffany A - ELECTIONS; Langdon, Anna C - ELECTIONS
Subject: FW: Status of WEC's implementation of LAB recommendations
Attachments: March 2022 LAB Follow Up Report with Appendices.pdf

Could you also print one of these for Commissioner Millis? Thanks!



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DATE: March 31, 2022
TO: Members, Wisconsin Legislature, Joint Legislative Audit Committee
FROM: Members, State of Wisconsin Elections Commission
SUBJECT: Progress Implementing Legislative Audit Bureau Recommendations

This memorandum is being provided to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee as an update on the Wisconsin Elections Commission's progress in implementing the recommendations made in the Legislative Audit Bureau's review of election administration in Wisconsin. The Legislative Audit Bureau report asked that we report back to the Committee on the status of implementation by March 31, 2022. This report is the Commission's status update to the Committee.

The six-member, bipartisan Commission is pleased to report that we have reviewed each of the LAB's recommendations and have considered action on each. By law, decisions of the Commission require an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members.

This memorandum provides the following regarding each of the 30 LAB recommendations:

1. **Current status**, in brief, immediately follows the summary of each recommendation.
2. **Background** on each recommendation is provided. We believe this is important context for the Committee to be aware of to best understand the direction of the WEC.
3. **Commission action** is also outlined as it relates to each recommendation. The Commission made most decisions at its December 1, 2022, meeting. Final, approved minutes from that meeting are also attached to this memo for your reference as Appendix A. Complete meeting minutes, video, and materials are also available here: <https://elections.wi.gov/node/7370>
4. **Detailed Status of implementation** is further provided to highlight in detail the progress made on each of the LAB's recommendations.

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Savidusky, Melodie

From: Barbara Beckert <Barbara.Beckert@drwi.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2022 7:06 AM
To: Hein, Regina A - ELECTIONS; Willman, Riley P - ELECTIONS; Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS
Cc: Neugart, Jennifer W - BPDD
Subject: Reminder - September 7th 1:30 Disability Vote Coalition meeting
Attachments: DVC 9 2022 agenda.docx; DVC Update 09062022.docx

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Good morning. Thank you for joining the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition this Wednesday, September 7th at 1:30 on Zoom for our September meeting to provide a Wisconsin Election Commission update. I have attached the meeting agenda and the update provided to Coalition members including our September calendar of events.

We have you first the agenda first to provide a WEC update, and we invite you to stay on for the meeting, if your schedules permit. We also wondered about plans for the September 21 WEC meeting; will the meeting be virtual and will it include time for public comments? We know there is strong interest in any updates regarding planning for accessibility related training and resources including the accessibility polling place reviews and supply program, next steps with instructions for clerks about ballot return assistance, the WEC budget proposal, and preparations for the November election. If there are any handouts you would like to share with the Coalition, I can distribute those for you.

Please let us know if you have any questions, and thank you for your partnership.

Barbara

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Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition July Meeting

Wednesday September 6, 2022 1:30 – 3 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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September 6, 2022 Meeting Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Opening remarks** Jenny & Barbara (1:30 – 1:40)
 - Note: October meeting will be Monday October 3rd at 1:30 - 3
 - Brief Round Robin Introductions facilitated by Tonya
- 2. Wisconsin Election Commission update (1:40 -2)**
 - Meagan Wolfe, Administrator
 - Regina Hein, Elections Administration Specialist - Accessibility
 - Riley Willman, Election Administration Supervisor

3. **Disability Voting Rights Week** Events & Promotion (2:00 – 2:20) Barbara, Jenny, Denise
September 12 – 16, 2022 Disability Voting Rights Week – AAPD
see list of events to the packet

4. **National Voter Registration Day September 20** (2:20 – 2:30) Eileen Newcomer

5. **Policy & litigation updates** Barbara (2:30 – 2:45)

- Carey v WEC

6. **Subcommittee updates** (2:45- 2:57)
Accessibility & Voter Rights -Denise & Barbara
Voter Outreach & Education – Jenny & Tonya

7. **Wrap Up/Next Steps** (2:57 – 3)

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- No side conversations
- Please Mute yourself when not speaking
- Use the chat box to enter questions if you are having trouble getting your comments heard.
- NEVER put your phone on hold, as everyone will hear the on-hold music
- Keep it brief so everyone gets a chance to contribute



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Disability Vote Coalition Update - September 6, 2022

Litigation Updates: Judge Peterson's Order in Carey v. WEC

On August 31, Chief US District Judge James Peterson issued an order in Carey v. WEC. Judge Peterson's order confirmed the federal rights of the four plaintiffs and of all disabled Wisconsin voters to receive assistance from a person of their choice to return their absentee ballots so that they can vote without fear that their ballots will be rejected or that they will be sanctioned.

As a next step, the Federal Court required the Wisconsin Election Commission to issue written instructions to all municipal clerks regarding their obligation under federal law to uphold the rights of disabled Wisconsin voters to have absentee ballot return assistance. DRW and other advocates submitted public comments in advance of this meeting (See attached). The Wisconsin Election Commission will meet virtually on September 6th at 6 PM to address the Federal Court Order in *Carey v. Wisconsin Elections Commission Concerning Absentee Ballot Return Assistance* under the Voting Rights Act. The meeting notice is posted here: <https://elections.wi.gov/event/special-meeting>.

Disability Voting Rights Week, September 12-16

September is an exciting month to support voting rights and voter registration to prepare for the November 8th elections. September 12 – 16 is Disability Voting Rights Week and includes several events hosted by the DVC and our partners. In addition, the Self Determination Channel will introduce a new video on accessible voting! Questions? Contact us at: DRW Voter Hotline: 844-347-8683 Email: info@disabilityvote.org

City of Milwaukee Celebrates Disability Voting Rights Week Press Event, September 12th at 10:45 AM at Independence First

Mayor Cavalier Johnson and Claire Woodall-Vogg, Executive Director, City of Milwaukee Election Commission will kick off the celebration of Disability Voting Rights Week. The program will feature a demonstration of accessible voting and remarks from Scott Luber

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*The Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition is a project of
Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities and Disability Rights Wisconsin*

and Martha Chambers, two of the plaintiffs in Carey v. WEC. Space is limited. If you would like to attend, contact Barbara Beckert at barbarab@drwi.org or 414-292-2724

Guardianship and Voting Rights, September 14, 11:30 – 12:30 on Zoom

Join us on Zoom to learn about voting rights for people under guardianship. We will discuss how voting rights are addressed in the guardianship process, and the process for restoring the right to vote. A new video will be shown featuring self-advocate Jen Kratsch sharing how she got her right to vote restored.

- Registration is required for this Zoom event. Register here: bit.ly/3dngkKC
- View and share our event flyer: <https://disabilityrightswi.org/.../Guardianship-and...>
- For more information: <https://disabilityrightswi.org/.../guardianship-and.../>
- Thanks to our co-sponsors including Survival!

Voting Rights Matter Lunch and Learn, September 15, 11:30 – 12:30 on Zoom

Join the WI Disability Vote Coalition on Zoom for important information about voting rights. A panel of voters with disabilities will share their experiences with voting rights such as using an accessible voting machine, getting help completing and returning their absentee ballot and using curbside voting. You will hear the latest voting updates, what to do if you have a problem voting and how to take action to protect your voting rights.

- All are welcome. Register here: <https://bit.ly/VoterAdvocacy>
- [View the Lunch and Learn flyer here \(accessible PDF\)](#).

Empowering the Disability Vote: Civic engagement for the disability community and their allies September 15, 7 – 8:30 PM on Zoom

Hosted by the League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County

- Event information: [Empowering the Disability Vote: Civic Engagement for the Disability Community and Their Allies | MyLO \(lww.org\)](#)
- Register here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvduGorzojG9er_522u4Eqj_4f4gnWC_C4I
- Speakers: Barbara Beckert, Dorothy Dean, Denise Jess, Scott Thompson.

Other September Events

Milwaukee County Voter Resource Fair

September 7, 11 AM - 6 PM

Goodwill James O. Wright Center, 6055 N 91st St Milwaukee

Register here: <https://www.mobilize.us/voteriders/event/496200/>

Hosted by Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin, VoteRiders, Souls to the Polls, Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition and the League of Women Voters - Milwaukee County.

Make Your Plan to Vote in the November 8th Election, September 29 at 7 PM

- Join us on Zoom and Facebook Live for this interactive session. Vision loss should not be a barrier to exercising your right to vote. Vision Forward, the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition, Wisconsin Council of Blind and Visually Impaired and others are teaming up to make sure people with vision loss have a successful voting experience this fall.
- Register for this Zoom session: <https://vision-forward.org/votewebinar>

Voter Registration

National Voter Registration Day is September 20th. Make your plans now to support community members with registering to vote, so they can cast a ballot in the November 8th election! The Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition can work with you to make your plan to support voter registration.

- Have a voter registration phone bank day! Call your participants and ask if they are registered to vote or if they would like help. You can check their voter registration at <https://myvote.wi.gov/>.
- We can partner with you to hold a virtual event with your members
- If you are holding an event, we might be able to arrange for a someone to attend and help participants with voter registration.
- We can schedule calls to help individuals with voter registration.

Contact us at:

- Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline: 844-347-8683
- Email: info@disabilityvote.org

Savidusky, Melodie

From: Barbara Beckert <Barbara.Beckert@drwi.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2022 2:28 PM
To: Disability Vote Coalition; Hein, Regina A - ELECTIONS
Subject: RE: materials for 8/3 1 PM WI Disability Vote Coalition Monthly Meeting
Attachments: DVC 8 2022 agenda.docx; 2021 Voting Plan rev by Access and Educ 07292022.docx

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From: Barbara Beckert <Barbara.Beckert@drwi.org>
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Subject: materials for 8/3 1 PM WI Disability Vote Coalition Monthly Meeting

Hello, Disability Vote Coalition!

Hoping you can join us for tomorrow's August 3rd 1:30 PM Disability Vote Coalition meeting on Zoom. Because this is our annual planning meeting, it is longer than usual and will run from 1:30 – 4 PM. This Coalition has so many great perspectives and important lived experience – please join us so we have your input in our annual planning!

The agenda and current plan with notes are attached for your reference. We will also share an updated calendar of events for reference at the meeting – coming soon!

August 9th Election

The August 9th election is a week from today. We wanted to share with you once again this updated guidance from Disability Rights Wisconsin for ballot return assistance, as you may hear from voters who need assistance:

Disability Rights Wisconsin Process for Requesting an Accommodation for Ballot Return Assistance:

<https://disabilityrightswi.org/news/process-for-requesting-an-accommodation-for-ballot-return-assistance/>

Note: the following links are included on this post – if they go to the link above, these will be available;

- View the process for requesting an accommodation for ballot return assistance: <https://disabilityrightswi.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/DRW-Accommodation-Request-Process-7-22-acc.pdf>
- Sample Accommodation Request: <https://disabilityrightswi.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/DRW-Sample-Accommodation-Request-Letter-for-ballot-drop-off.docx>

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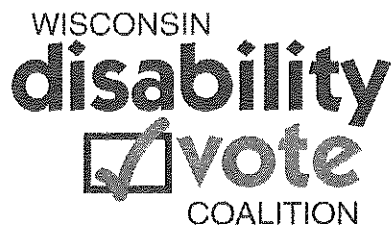
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Wednesday August 3, 2022, 1:30 - 4

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Fall 2022: Prepare a report on this with a focus on Wisconsin

Denise, Barbara, Denise national expert, Barbara NDRN

Have media event to present

Videos securing

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(Notes from planning meeting: Suggestion to compare the various DMVs' service areas, their limited hours, lack of transportation to/from, etc.? Comparison among the DMVs and maybe compare to peer states.)

Checklist has been created and submitted to DMV
Increase number of photo ids.
Look at peer states and access Minnesota
Promote mobile locations

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Process Owner: DRW. Hope to add CILs in the future
CILS will be participating for the first time in August 2022
Accessibility supply program

Promote temp program to college students

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Process Owner - ad hoc recruitment sub-committee,
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DVC members helped to provide a July 2022 webinar for clerks, hosted by WEC

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Process Owner – Education and Outreach

(NOTES FROM PLANNING: Rebecca Rabatin, the ADA Coordinator for the City of Milwaukee, has been working with developing an association of ADA Coordinators in municipalities, Wendy had reached out to towns association at one point)

- **Strategy 2-8:** Improve access to voting for care facility residents including recommendations to strengthen the Special Voting Deputy (SVD) program. Explore options to recruit SVDs, and partner with WMCA.

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Advisory group has been established – only met once due to competing demands

We have done a lot on defense with this one, including statements in support of voting rights of care facility residents

- **Strategy 2-9:** Recruit poll workers with disabilities to improve the accessibility of Wisconsin elections.
Ask the full committee about this given the risk at this time.

Process owner – ad hoc recruiting sub-committee

- **Strategy 2-9:** Increase the voter participation of citizens who have criminal convictions including education about restoration of rights for those who were convicted of a felony, as well as jail based voting.

Process owner –DRW, LWV, EXPO, ACLU, and other partners in the Wisconsin Voting Rights Coalition, and DOC

- **Tactic 1:** Provide training and toolkit to DOC Community Corrections staff on restoration of voting rights. Expo to lead on providing resources to people who have their rights restored.
- **Tactic 2:** support WVRC efforts to promote jail based voting.

DRW and LWV worked on tactic 1 and trained approximately 1000 DOC community correction staff.

Goal 3: Protect the rights of people with disabilities in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Note: Goal 3 is contingent on the status of COVID in Wisconsin in 2022.

- Ensure people with disabilities' access to the right to vote during the COVID-19 pandemic and advocate for safe voting policies.
- Provide training and support materials for service providers, including direct care providers and care facilities, to support their members to safely assert their voting rights during the pandemic, and in the absence of Special Voting Deputies.
- Recommend provision of emergency plans for clerks to respond to. Emergency preparedness and measures in place.

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The agenda and current plan with notes are attached for your reference. We will also share an updated calendar of events for reference at the meeting – coming soon!

August 9th Election

The August 9th election is a week from today. We wanted to share with you once again this updated guidance from Disability Rights Wisconsin for ballot return assistance, as you may hear from voters who need assistance:

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<https://disabilityrightswi.org/news/process-for-requesting-an-accommodation-for-ballot-return-assistance/>

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Info for legislators

- **Strategy 2 -2:** Work with coalition partners and policy makers to provide voters with disabilities to equitable access to absentee voting by implementing an ADA compliant screen reader accessible absentee ballot.

Process Owner – Access and Voter Rights sub-committee and WCBVI

Fall 2022: Prepare a report on this with a focus on Wisconsin

Denise, Barbara, Denise national expert, Barbara NDRN

Have media event to present

Videos securing

- **Strategy 2-3:** Engage in systems advocacy to increase access to Wisconsin Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV) locations to improve access to state photo ID for voting for voters with a disability. This includes expanded hours of operation and locations, as well as accessibility, and exploring options for satellite locations

Process Owner: Access and Voter Rights sub-committee, CILs, Wisconsin Voting Rights Coalition, AVIL

- **Tactic 1:** Implement the recommendation in the May 2021 report "Getting There is Half the Battle: Wisconsin's Photo ID Law, Access to DMV Services, and the Fight for Our Freedom to Vote,"
- **Tactic 2:** Develop a checklist for programmatic and physical accessibility of DMVs and work with DMV/ DOT to implement it. **Kyle, Brian and CILs lead**

(Notes from planning meeting: Suggestion to compare the various DMVs' service areas, their limited hours, lack of transportation to/from, etc.? Comparison among the DMVs and maybe compare to peer states.)

Checklist has been created and submitted to DMV

Increase number of photo ids.

Look at peer states and access Minnesota

Promote mobile locations

- **Strategy 2-4:** Improve the accessibility of Wisconsin polling places by conducting election day accessibility reviews of polling places on behalf of the Wisconsin Election Commission.

Process Owner: DRW. Hope to add CILs in the future
CILS will be participating for the first time in August 2022
Accessibility supply program

Promote temp program to college students

- **Strategy 2-5:** Work with Wisconsin Voting Rights Coalition and Disability Vote Coalition to monitor voting and address rights violations on election day. DVC will recruit volunteers to participate in the election day observation program coordinated by LWV and will provide input on accessibility and voting rights issues included in the tool.

Process Owner - ad hoc recruitment sub-committee,
Wisconsin Voting Rights Coalition, LWV-WI

- **Strategy 2-6:** Improve the accessibility of Wisconsin polling places by providing education and resources on accessibility for Wisconsin clerks and poll workers, through partnering with the Wisconsin Election Commission to develop and enhance training and resources.

Process Owner – Access and Voter Rights Subcommittee
and WEC Accessibility Advisory Committee

DVC members helped to provide a July 2022 webinar for clerks, hosted by WEC

- **Strategy 2-7:** Develop our partnership with the clerk's association (WMCA) and Towns Association to develop an initiative and toolkit for disability groups to partner with their local clerks.

(Tactic 1) Recognize Municipal Clerk Appreciation Week (May) again by nominating clerks. COMPLETED

(Tactic 2) Collaborate with Wisconsin Voting Rights Coalition on initiative to develop relationships with clerks. Focus on top 50 most populated areas of the state. Eileen and Barbara are part of that coalition.

Process Owner – Education and Outreach

(NOTES FROM PLANNING: Rebecca Rabatin, the ADA Coordinator for the City of Milwaukee, has been working with developing an association of ADA Coordinators in municipalities, Wendy had reached out to towns association at one point)

- **Strategy 2-8:** Improve access to voting for care facility residents including recommendations to strengthen the Special Voting Deputy (SVD) program. Explore options to recruit SVDs, and partner with WMCA.

Process owner – Access and Voter Rights sub-committee

Advisory group has been established – only met once due to competing demands

We have done a lot on defense with this one, including statements in support of voting rights of care facility residents

- **Strategy 2-9:** Recruit poll workers with disabilities to improve the accessibility of Wisconsin elections.

Ask the full committee about this given the risk at this time.

Process owner – ad hoc recruiting sub-committee

- **Strategy 2-9:** Increase the voter participation of citizens who have criminal convictions including education about restoration of rights for those who were convicted of a felony, as well as jail based voting.

Process owner –DRW, LWV, EXPO, ACLU, and other partners in the Wisconsin Voting Rights Coalition, and DOC

- **Tactic 1:** Provide training and toolkit to DOC Community Corrections staff on restoration of voting rights. Expo to lead on providing resources to people who have their rights restored.
- **Tactic 2:** support WVRC efforts to promote jail based voting.

DRW and LWV worked on tactic 1 and trained approximately 1000 DOC community correction staff.

Goal 3: Protect the rights of people with disabilities in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Note: Goal 3 is contingent on the status of COVID in Wisconsin in 2022.

- Ensure people with disabilities' access to the right to vote during the COVID-19 pandemic and advocate for safe voting policies.
- Provide training and support materials for service providers, including direct care providers and care facilities, to support their members to safely assert their voting rights during the pandemic, and in the absence of Special Voting Deputies.
- Recommend provision of emergency plans for clerks to respond to. Emergency preparedness and measures in place.

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-Regina

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Good morning, Disability Vote Coalition.

We are looking forward to seeing you today at Zoom at 1:30 PM for our September meeting. We are pleased to welcome staff from the Wisconsin Elections Commission to provide us with an update.

- Scroll down to see the Zoom link and it should already be on the calendar for those who keep an online calendar.

Our meeting agenda is attached along with information about Disability Vote Coalition September trainings and events. We invite you to attend, and to share the program information with your network.

Please help us get the word out so more people can participate and benefit from these programs!

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Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition July Meeting

Wednesday September 6, 2022 1:30 – 3 PM

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September 6, 2022 Meeting Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Opening remarks** Jenny & Barbara (1:30 – 1:40)
 - Note: October meeting will be Monday October 3rd at 1:30 - 3
 - Brief Round Robin Introductions

- 2. Wisconsin Election Commission update (1:40 -2)**

Meagan Wolfe, Administrator

Regina Hein, Elections Administration Specialist - Accessibility

Riley Willman, Election Administration Supervisor

3. **Disability Voting Rights Week** Events & Promotion (2:00 – 2:20) Barbara, Jenny, Denise
September 12 – 16, 2022 [Disability Voting Rights Week – AAPD](#)
see list of events to the packet

4. **National Voter Registration Day September 20** (2:20 – 2:30) Eileen Newcomer

5. **Policy & litigation updates** Barbara (2:30 – 2:45)

- Carey v WEC
- Link to motion approved by Wisconsin Election Commission regarding communication to clerks:
<https://elections.wi.gov/media/16606/download>

6. **Subcommittee updates** (2:45- 2:57)

Accessibility & Voter Rights -Denise & Barbara

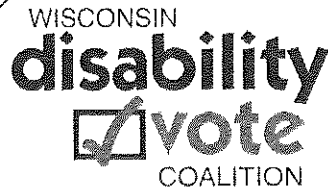
- Next meeting is Monday September 19, 1:30 – 3 PM

Voter Outreach & Education – Jenny & Tonya

7. **Wrap Up/Next Steps** (2:57 – 3)

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Disability Vote Coalition Update - September 6, 2022

Litigation Updates: Judge Peterson's Order in Carey v. WEC

On August 31, Chief US District Judge James Peterson issued an order in Carey v. WEC. Judge Peterson's order confirmed the federal rights of the four plaintiffs and of all disabled Wisconsin voters to receive assistance from a person of their choice to return their absentee ballots so that they can vote without fear that their ballots will be rejected or that they will be sanctioned.

As a next step, the Federal Court required the Wisconsin Election Commission to issue written instructions to all municipal clerks regarding their obligation under federal law to uphold the rights of disabled Wisconsin voters to have absentee ballot return assistance. DRW and other advocates submitted public comments in advance of this meeting (See attached). The Wisconsin Election Commission will meet virtually on September 6th at 6 PM to address the Federal Court Order in *Carey v. Wisconsin Elections Commission Concerning Absentee Ballot Return Assistance under the Voting Rights Act*. The meeting notice is posted here: <https://elections.wi.gov/event/special-meeting>.

Disability Voting Rights Week, September 12-16

September is an exciting month to support voting rights and voter registration to prepare for the November 8th elections. September 12 – 16 is Disability Voting Rights Week and includes several events hosted by the DVC and our partners. In addition, the Self Determination Channel will introduce a new video on accessible voting! Questions? Contact us at: DRW Voter Hotline: 844-347-8683 Email: info@disabilityvote.org

City of Milwaukee Celebrates Disability Voting Rights Week Press Event, September 12th at 10:45 AM at Independence First

Mayor Cavalier Johnson and Claire Woodall-Vogg, Executive Director, City of Milwaukee Election Commission will kick off the celebration of Disability Voting Rights Week. The program will feature a demonstration of accessible voting and remarks from Scott Luber

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and Martha Chambers, two of the plaintiffs in Carey v. WEC. Space is limited. If you would like to attend, contact Barbara Beckert at barbarab@drwi.org or 414-292-2724

Guardianship and Voting Rights, September 14, 11:30 – 12:30 on Zoom

Join us on Zoom to learn about voting rights for people under guardianship. We will discuss how voting rights are addressed in the guardianship process, and the process for restoring the right to vote. A new video will be shown featuring self-advocate Jen Kratsch sharing how she got her right to vote restored.

- Registration is required for this Zoom event. Register here: bit.ly/3dngkKC
- View and share our event flyer: <https://disabilityrightswi.org/.../Guardianship-and...>
- For more information: <https://disabilityrightswi.org/.../guardianship-and.../>
- Thanks to our co-sponsors including Survival!

Voting Rights Matter Lunch and Learn, September 15, 11:30 – 12:30 on Zoom

Join the WI Disability Vote Coalition on Zoom for important information about voting rights. A panel of voters with disabilities will share their experiences with voting rights such as using an accessible voting machine, getting help completing and returning their absentee ballot and using curbside voting. You will hear the latest voting updates, what to do if you have a problem voting and how to take action to protect your voting rights.

- All are welcome. Register here: <https://bit.ly/VoterAdvocacy>
- [View the Lunch and Learn flyer here \(accessible PDF\)](#).

Empowering the Disability Vote: Civic engagement for the disability community and their allies September 15, 7 – 8:30 PM on Zoom

Hosted by the League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County

- Event information: [Empowering the Disability Vote: Civic Engagement for the Disability Community and Their Allies | MyLO \(lww.org\)](#)
- Register here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvduGorzojG9er_522u4Eqj_4f4gnWC_C4I
- Speakers: Barbara Beckert, Dorothy Dean, Denise Jess, Scott Thompson.

Other September Events

Milwaukee County Voter Resource Fair

September 7, 11 AM - 6 PM

Goodwill James O. Wright Center, 6055 N 91st St Milwaukee

Register here: <https://www.mobilize.us/voteriders/event/496200/>

Hosted by Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin, VoteRiders, Souls to the Polls, Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition and the League of Women Voters - Milwaukee County.

Make Your Plan to Vote in the November 8th Election, September 29 at 7 PM

- Join us on Zoom and Facebook Live for this interactive session. Vision loss should not be a barrier to exercising your right to vote. Vision Forward, the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition, Wisconsin Council of Blind and Visually Impaired and others are teaming up to make sure people with vision loss have a successful voting experience this fall.
- Register for this Zoom session: <https://vision-forward.org/votewebinar>

Voter Registration

National Voter Registration Day is September 20th. Make your plans now to support community members with registering to vote, so they can cast a ballot in the November 8th election! The Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition can work with you to make your plan to support voter registration.

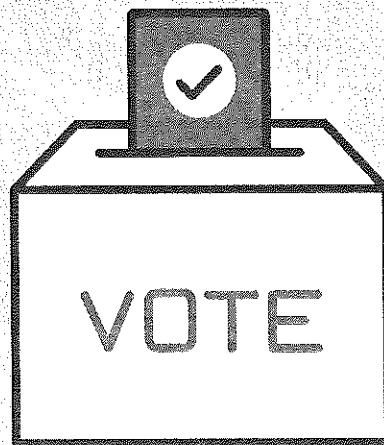
- Have a voter registration phone bank day! Call your participants and ask if they are registered to vote or if they would like help. You can check their voter registration at <https://myvote.wi.gov/>.
- We can partner with you to hold a virtual event with your members
- If you are holding an event, we might be able to arrange for a someone to attend and help participants with voter registration.
- We can schedule calls to help individuals with voter registration.

Contact us at:

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GUARDIANSHIP AND VOTING: PRESERVING AND RESTORING THE RIGHT TO VOTE

SEPTEMBER 14 | 11:30AM - 12:30AM



Join us on **Zoom** to learn about voting rights for people under guardianship. We will discuss how voting rights are addressed in the guardianship process, and the process for restoring the right to vote. This training will provide information to support people with disabilities and older adults to retain or restore their voting rights.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

REGISTER FOR THE ZOOM HERE: bit.ly/3dngkKC

ASL interpreters and captioning will be provided. Other accommodations may be requested when registering.

EVENT AGENDA

Opening Remarks: Barbara Beckert, Disability Rights Wisconsin

How I Got My Right to Vote Back: a video message from Jennifer Kratsch, voter and self-advocate

Retaining and Restoring the Right to Vote: Ellen Henningsen, Director, Voting and Guardianship Project, Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW)

Panel and Moderated Questions

- Mitch Hagopian, Managing Attorney, DRW
- Peter Navis, Judicial Court Commissioner, Walworth County
- Polly Shoemaker, Wisconsin Guardianship Support Center Attorney

EVENT SPONSORS

This event is sponsored by Disability Rights Wisconsin in partnership with the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities and the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition.

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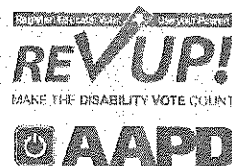
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Good morning, everyone. We had promised to send out the voting timeline and list of events in advance of today's meeting. It is attached with the other materials.

Hope to see you on Zoom at 1:30.

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Subject: materials for 8/3 1 PM WI Disability Vote Coalition Monthly Meeting

Hello, Disability Vote Coalition!

Hoping you can join us for tomorrow's August 3rd 1:30 PM Disability Vote Coalition meeting on Zoom. Because this is our annual planning meeting, it is longer than usual and will run from 1:30 – 4 PM. This Coalition has so many great perspectives and important lived experience – please join us so we have your input in our annual planning!

The agenda and current plan with notes are attached for your reference. We will also share an updated calendar of events for reference at the meeting – coming soon!

August 9th Election

The August 9th election is a week from today. We wanted to share with you once again this updated guidance from Disability Rights Wisconsin for ballot return assistance, as you may hear from voters who need assistance:

Disability Rights Wisconsin Process for Requesting an Accommodation for Ballot Return Assistance:

<https://disabilityrightswi.org/news/process-for-requesting-an-accommodation-for-ballot-return-assistance/>

Note: the following links are included on this post – if they go to the link above, these will be available;

- View the process for requesting an accommodation for ballot return assistance: <https://disabilityrightswi.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/DRW-Accommodation-Request-Process-7-22-acc.pdf>
- Sample Accommodation Request: <https://disabilityrightswi.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/DRW-Sample-Accommodation-Request-Letter-for-ballot-drop-off.docx>

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Wednesday August 3, 2022, 1:30 - 4

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1. Welcome & Facilitated Introductions, Tonya Whitfield 1:30 – 1:35)

- Review ground rules (see last page)
- Brief intros: Name, organization

2. Why we do strategic planning, Denise Jess (1:35 – 1:45)

- *Note role of WEC Accessibility Advisory committee*

3. Context for this year. Barbara Beckert (1:45 – 1:55)

- Thank you and appreciation
- Challenging environment for voting rights
- Share update and ask re ballot return assistance
- Planning period: FY is October 1 – September 30, 2023

4. DVC Subcommittees Highlights (1:55 – 2:15)

Education and Outreach, Jenny Neugart

Access and Voter Rights, Denise & Barbara

Denise

- DMV
- Accessible ballot/ braille Ballot

Barbara

Legislation and litigation/
Guardianship and voting rights
Voting rights for care facility residents
Polling place accessibility

5. Annual Planning discussion

A. Calendar for the year- what we know now, Jenny (2:15 – 2:20)

Discussion of Coalition Goals and supporting activities – see plan from last year for activities

B. Goal 2: Improve the accessibility of Wisconsin elections for voters with disabilities. (2:20 – 2:50)) Denise & Barbara

Highlights of last year

What should stay on the list? Any updates needed?

What is "completed" and drops off?

No long relevant or feasible?

What is missing?

10 minute break (2:50 – 3)

C. Goal 1: Assist people with disabilities to exercise their rights under the law to fully participate in the electoral process. Jenny (3 – 3:30)

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D. Goal 3 COVID (10 minutes) (3:30 – 3:40)

Barbara

SHOULD THIS STAY ON THE LIST

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6. Coalition Operations (3:40 – 3:50) Denise

Coalition process. What is working well? What can be changed or improved?

- **Round robin or share in the chat**

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- NEVER put your phone on hold, as everyone will be listening to the on-hold music
- Keep it brief so everyone gets a chance to contribute
- Use the chat box to enter questions if you are having trouble getting your comments heard.

Disability Vote Coalition/ DRW PAVA 2021- 2022 Plan
Draft : *October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022*

(rev 7/29/2022)

For the next step with our plan, we are asking subcommittees to prioritize the strategies assigned to their sub-committee, and further develop them.

For each strategy a suggested "process owner" is identified, such as the education and outreach subcommittee, the voting rights and access sub-committee or other entity (s).

For each strategy that your committee "owns", discuss and draft the supporting tactics, timeline, and metrics.

- Strategies
- Tactics (social media, events, website, media, ads, etc):
- Audience
- Timeline
- Metrics

See the template for additional background.

For those who find color useful, Process Owners are color coded:

Blue = Education and Outreach Subcommittee

Red = Access and Voter Rights Subcommittee

Purple = Both Sub-committees

Green = Ad hoc committee or other

Goal 1: Assist people with disabilities to exercise their rights under the law to fully participate in the electoral process.

- **Strategy 1** Provide direct assistance and education to voters with disabilities regarding voter registration, absentee voting, casting a ballot at their polling place, and voter rights.

Process owner: DRW for direct assistance including Voter Hotline

- (Tactic 1) Prioritize outreach and support for voters who may be isolated or experience additional barriers such as lack of access to technology, living in a care facility (priority for group homes), in day programs, as well as voters of color who are disabled. (Portal, ACAP, ODC)

Tactic 1 A - Reach voters in group homes and staff

- *Focus groups or interviews with group home staff and with some residents. ID MCO partner –*
- *Develop relationships with MCO partners. MCOs do provider training that we could try to get in on.*
- *Work with MCOs to get to local group homes?*
- *How can we deliver the post cards to residential facilities? Prioritize certain areas?*
- *Do people get a welcome packet when they first arrive at a residential facility? Could we include our postcard in that packet? Likely nursing homes/assisted living would have this over group homes.*
- *Small grants to group homes to pilot. include some who serve people of color*
- *Test and refine resources – find what works. Worked with Wisconsin Literacy on the readability and usability of Make Your Plan to Vote. Will revise the document and get input for the coalition. Held focus groups with voters who have a variety of disabilities*

about their ability to read, understand and act on our policy updates. Will revise that document as a model for future communications.

- *Identify group homes – coalition of the willing. Get contacts from hotline and coalition members*

Process Owner: Outreach and Education Subcommittee

o **Due Dates:**

- o (Tactic 2) Engage youth in transition to become registered voters and understand their voting rights. Pilot program with 5 schools to reach transition age youth. - (grants of \$500 each)
 - *Give students a role with voter registration*
 - *Identify a leader for this initiative. Several possibilities were identified.*
 - *Do more outreach with colleges and disability student services. Could partner with local leagues.*

Process Owner: Outreach and Education Subcommittee, possibly League of Women Voters

- o (Tactic 3) On demand video for training for youth on voting. Focus on voter registration.
 - *Would be used by ILCs and others who work w/youth*

Recommend removing this for 2022 – 2023. Have not moved forward and it's a heavy lift

Process Owner: Outreach and Education Subcommittee

(Tactic 4) **Parent to parent video** – Why my kids voting rights are important.

- The video included parents with some comments from their children about why voting is important. Need to work out a dissemination plan.

Process Owner: Outreach and Education Subcommittee

- **Strategy 2:** Work with the Disability Vote Coalition to grow the coalition and increase the number of organizations and individuals around the state working to advance our mission and to engage voters statewide.

Process Owner – suggest forming an ad hoc sub-committee that develops a recruitment plan and disseminates it to all DVC members, asking for all to help with recruitment.

Commented [1]: Could this be under Education & Outreach? Or keep it at the DVC level and make it everyone's responsibility?

- (Tactic 1) Convene ad hoc work group in fall '21. Get membership form out to all current members to formalize the membership list.
 - Coalitions leadership to update website membership page and develop / update membership form
 - Identify key organizations in diverse communities who do voting rights advocacy and outreach – and partner with them (or expand existing partnerships). Voces, Souls to the Polls, BLOC, contact for native American/ indigenous people

- **Strategy 3:** Increase awareness and usage of the Wisconsin Election Commission complaint process and support voters to make complaints.

- Continue to include this in our trainings and on social media and continue to message how this benefits others.
- Continue to offer this option to callers to DRW Voter Hotline.

Process Owner: Education and Outreach sub-committee takes lead and consults with Voting Rights sub-committee for content guidance.

- **Strategy 4:** Provide outreach and education regarding voting rights for individuals under guardianship and the process to petition for restoration of voting rights.
 - (Tactic 1) DRW Voting Rights and Guardianship Project will develop training materials for the legal and social services communities, other professionals, families, and PWD. A training and outreach plan will be developed in collaboration with the Guardianship Support Center. The project will also a plan to set up a pro bono project to represent people; and work with Wings on updating relevant forms.

Process Owner: DRW in collaboration with Guardianship Support Center and DVC

- **Strategy 5.** Provide resources for voters with disabilities to be informed voters.
 - *(Tactic 1) Developing and disseminating questions for use at candidate forums*
 - *(Tactic 2) Provide support for candidate forums.*
 - (Tactic 3) Hold a US Senate Candidate Forum
 - (Tactic 4) Disseminate LWV Candidate Guide that will be on Vote 411.

Process Owner: Education and Outreach sub-committee in partnership with Survival Coalition, DRW, LWVW.

Or should the owner be an ad hoc work group?

Our Coalition did not have the capacity to move candidate forum forward in 2022 due to being on defense with so many voter suppression efforts.

LWV would promote forum and could provide a moderator.
Have policy for forums. Ask Barbara if this would limited to DVC or we'd include other vote coalitions.

Strategy 6. Provide resources to educate candidates about the disability vote and priorities for the disability community and engage the grassroots to educate candidates. (Update Survival document)

Eileen will have candidate contact info from putting together the candidate guide that she can share.

Process Owner – collaboration between the two sub-committees and Survival.

- **Strategy 7:** Create a platform for voters with disabilities to tell their stories.

(Tactic 1) Explore the platforms The Arc and WCBVI use for collecting stories.

(Tactic 2) Ask WCBVI about the use of Tik Tok regarding accessibility. Learn more about the platform. Provide a small stipend to a youth/young adult who could help us.

(Tactic 3) Could do short reels (similar to Tik Tok concept) on Instagram with "I Vote" snippets.

Process Owner – Education and Outreach sub-committee with technical support

NOTES ON GOAL 1 FROM PLANNING MEETING

Suggested approaches

- YOUTH – Steph: transition from childrens LTC to adult system.

- Can ADRCs provide information on voting for transition age youth
- Engage government entities that provide publicly funded benefits to help with voter registration (WI one of 6 states where this is not required by federal law)
- Can we persuade DPI to make a rules change that voting education be part of all high school education
- ADRC does not reach all of them
- DVR should include voter registration

Goal 2: Improve the accessibility of Wisconsin elections for voters with disabilities.

- **Strategy 2-1** Engage with legislators to educate and advocate about the voting rights of people with disabilities and increase awareness of barriers. Respond to legislative proposals and advance our policy agenda.

Process Owner – Access and Voter Rights sub-committee

- (Tactic 1) Update policy agenda and documentation to have as resources for coalition
- (Tactic 2) Have each agency recruit 3 people to serve as advocacy leads

Info for legislators

- **Strategy 2 -2:** Work with coalition partners and policy makers to provide voters with disabilities to equitable access to absentee voting by implementing an ADA compliant screen reader accessible absentee ballot.

Process Owner – Access and Voter Rights sub-committee and WCBVI

Fall 2022: Prepare a report on this with a focus on Wisconsin

Denise, Barbara, Denise national expert, Barbara NDRN

Have media event to present

Videos securing

- **Strategy 2-3:** Engage in systems advocacy to increase access to Wisconsin Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV) locations to improve access to state photo ID for voting for voters with a disability. This includes expanded hours of operation and locations, as well as accessibility, and exploring options for satellite locations

Process Owner: Access and Voter Rights sub-committee, CILs, Wisconsin Voting Rights Coalition, AVIL

- **Tactic 1:** Implement the recommendation in the May 2021 report "Getting There is Half the Battle: Wisconsin's Photo ID Law, Access to DMV Services, and the Fight for Our Freedom to Vote,"
- **Tactic 2:** Develop a checklist for programmatic and physical accessibility of DMVs and work with DMV/ DOT to implement it. **Kyle, Brian and CILs lead**

(Notes from planning meeting: Suggestion to compare the various DMVs' service areas, their limited hours, lack of transportation to/from, etc.? Comparison among the DMVs and maybe compare to peer states.)

Checklist has been created and submitted to DMV

Increase number of photo ids.

Look at peer states and access Minnesota

Promote mobile locations

- **Strategy 2-4:** Improve the accessibility of Wisconsin polling places by conducting election day accessibility reviews of polling places on behalf of the Wisconsin Election Commission.

Process Owner: DRW. Hope to add CILs in the future
CILS will be participating for the first time in August 2022
Accessibility supply program

Promote temp program to college students

- **Strategy 2-5:** Work with Wisconsin Voting Rights Coalition and Disability Vote Coalition to monitor voting and address rights violations on election day. DVC will recruit volunteers to participate in the election day observation program coordinated by LWV and will provide input on accessibility and voting rights issues included in the tool.

Process Owner - ad hoc recruitment sub-committee,
Wisconsin Voting Rights Coalition, LWV-WI

- **Strategy 2-6:** Improve the accessibility of Wisconsin polling places by providing education and resources on accessibility for Wisconsin clerks and poll workers, through partnering with the Wisconsin Election Commission to develop and enhance training and resources.

Process Owner – Access and Voter Rights Subcommittee
and WEC Accessibility Advisory Committee

DVC members helped to provide a July 2022 webinar for clerks, hosted by WEC

- **Strategy 2-7:** Develop our partnership with the clerk's association (WMCA) and Towns Association to develop an initiative and toolkit for disability groups to partner with their local clerks.

(Tactic 1) Recognize Municipal Clerk Appreciation Week (May) again by nominating clerks. COMPLETED

(Tactic 2) Collaborate with Wisconsin Voting Rights Coalition on initiative to develop relationships with clerks. Focus on top 50 most populated areas of the state. Eileen and Barbara are part of that coalition.

Process Owner – Education and Outreach

(NOTES FROM PLANNING: Rebecca Rabatin, the ADA Coordinator for the City of Milwaukee, has been working with developing an association of ADA Coordinators in municipalities, Wendy had reached out to towns association at one point)

- **Strategy 2-8:** Improve access to voting for care facility residents including recommendations to strengthen the Special Voting Deputy (SVD) program. Explore options to recruit SVDs, and partner with WMCA.

Process owner – Access and Voter Rights sub-committee

Advisory group has been established – only met once due to competing demands

We have done a lot on defense with this one, including statements in support of voting rights of care facility residents

- **Strategy 2-9:** Recruit poll workers with disabilities to improve the accessibility of Wisconsin elections.

Ask the full committee about this given the risk at this time.

Process owner – ad hoc recruiting sub-committee

- **Strategy 2-9:** Increase the voter participation of citizens who have criminal convictions including education about restoration of rights for those who were convicted of a felony, as well as jail based voting.

Process owner –DRW, LWV, EXPO, ACLU, and other partners in the Wisconsin Voting Rights Coalition, and DOC

- **Tactic 1:** Provide training and toolkit to DOC Community Corrections staff on restoration of voting rights. Expo to lead on providing resources to people who have their rights restored.
- **Tactic 2:** support WVRC efforts to promote jail based voting.

DRW and LWV worked on tactic 1 and trained approximately 1000 DOC community correction staff.

Goal 3: Protect the rights of people with disabilities in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commented [JN2]: Can we remove this one now?

Note: Goal 3 is contingent on the status of COVID in Wisconsin in 2022.

- Ensure people with disabilities' access to the right to vote during the COVID-19 pandemic and advocate for safe voting policies.
- Provide training and support materials for service providers, including direct care providers and care facilities, to support their members to safely assert their voting rights during the pandemic, and in the absence of Special Voting Deputies.
- Recommend provision of emergency plans for clerks to respond to. Emergency preparedness and measures in place.

ELECTION TIMELINE DATES rev 8/3/2022

AUGUST PARTISAN PRIMARY

- **August 9 - Election Day**
 - Polls are open from 7am-8pm
 - Voters can register in person on Election Day
 - Deadline to return an absentee ballot is 8pm
- August 12 - Deadline for provisional voters to show missing information to their clerk

FALL GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 8

- September 22 - Absentee Ballots Mailed
- October 11 - Last day to begin acquiring residence to vote in Spring Primary. Voters moving after this date may vote from their prior address.
- October 19 - Online/by mail voter registration deadline. After this date, voters must register in person in the municipal clerk's office or at their polling place.
- October 25 - In person early voting can begin
- November 3 - Absentee ballot request deadline
- November 4 - Last day to register to vote in the clerk's office before Election Day
- November 8 - Election Day
 - Polls are open from 7am-8pm
 - Voters can register in person on Election Day
 - Deadline to return an absentee ballot is 8pm
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2023 STATEWIDE ELECTIONS

2023 Wisconsin Spring Primary February 21, 2023.

2023 Wisconsin Spring Election April 4, 2023

What's on the ballot?

- State Supreme Court: the incumbent judge, Patience D. Roggensack, is retiring.
- Declared candidates so far include Wisconsin circuit court judges Everett Mitchell of Dane County and Janet Protasiewicz of Milwaukee County.

Court of Appeals

Two seats on the Wisconsin Court of Appeals are scheduled for election on April 4, 2023.

- in District I, William W. Brash III, chief judge of the Court of Appeals, has not stated if he will run for a second full six-year term in 2023. He was appointed to by Governor Scott Walker in 2015.
- In District IV, Michael R. Fitzpatrick, first elected in 2017, has not stated if he will seek re-election to a second term.

Circuit Courts

Forty five of the state's 261 circuit court seats will be up for election in April 2023. This total includes four new seats to be created due to a 2020 act of the Legislature.^[2]

Mayoral elections: Green Bay, Racine, Madison

NATIONAL EVENTS

Disability Voting Rights Week September 12 – 16, 2022
Disability Voting Rights Week – AAPD

September 20, 2022 – National Voter Registration day
National Voter Registration Day

May

- Municipal Clerks Week

CALENDAR OF TRAINING AND OUTREACH EVENTS

August

August 18 – 19 *Peer Recovery Conference, Madison (Barbara/ David Carlson)*

"Nothing About Us Without Us; Public Policy, Voting Rights, and Empowerment" - breakout session at peer recovery conference

September

September 8, 2022. "Know Your Rights: Clearing up the Confusion on Voting and Criminal Convictions".

Barbara. Webinar in partnership with David Carlson and LWV.

September 14, 2022, from 11:30 – 12:30 (Ellen is lead)

Guardianship and Voting: Preserving and Restoring the Right to Vote Sponsored by Disability Rights Wisconsin in partnership with the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities and the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition. Co-sponsor list in formation

September or October. Guardianship Voting Rights CLE Ellen lead.
(Mitch, Barbara, possibly Polly)

September 15, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on Zoom

Empowering the Disability Vote

Civic engagement for the disability community and their allies

League of Women Voters – Milwaukee. Barbara, Denise, Law Forward,
Dorothy Dean

Vision Forward fall event (Denise & Barbara)

Training for MS support groups (Jim Turk organizing)

October

October 10th Madison forum - LWV-Dane County

Barry Burden, from UW Madison Political Science and Dr. Ruben
Anthony, CEO of the Urban League of Greater Madison,, Barbara
Beckert

October 18 – 19, 2022: Self Determination Conference October

18 – 19 Kalahari

Tonya & Jenny to cover

**November 16 – 17. DQA Focus Conference – Barbara, Ellen,
WEC staff.**

“Voting Rights and Resources for People with Disabilities and Older
Adults”. Workshop for DQA annual conference held in Dells

December

2023

January

February

March

- Disability Advocacy Day

April

May

- Circles of Life Conference
- Aging Advocacy Day

June

- Independence First Youth Summit
Kristin Stern <KStern@independencefirst.org>

July

- Youth Leadership Forum- Wed, July 13 from 2:30 to 3:30 pm on the Edgewood College campus in Madison.
- Aptiv No Limits Week
Contact person- Christine Haskell csaskell@gmail.com

