

Democratic gubernatorial forum

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE CHRIS ABELE HOSTING DEMOCRATIC GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE FORUM

Abele invites Milwaukee County residents to attend public forum

Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele will host a public forum for the Democratic candidates for governor on Friday, August 3rd from 1pm to 3pm to facilitate a discussion about issues facing Milwaukee County, including the state funding formulas and lack of resources available to Milwaukee County and other local municipalities.

Milwaukee County taxpayers are contributing more of their tax dollars to the state of Wisconsin every year, but fewer of those tax dollars are being returned to the county. This year, Milwaukee County will send \$250 million more to the state government than they did in 2007. At the same time, Milwaukee County receives \$150 million less in state funding. This imbalance is not sustainable, and it is not fair to Milwaukee County taxpayers. If a solution to this funding problem is not found, Milwaukee County could see severe cuts in public safety, public transit, County Parks, and other vital social services in the future.

This problem is not unique to Milwaukee. In fact, similar trends can be found in Waukesha and many municipalities and counties across the state. This is not a partisan problem, and Milwaukee County voters have started asking candidates running for state office in 2018 to present their ideas to help Milwaukee and local governments across the state address their funding issues.

Abele hopes that this forum will further a discussion toward finding a solution to this funding imbalance that works for Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin – so the city, county, and state can grow and thrive together. The public is invited to attend.

Who: Host: Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele

Candidates attending: Tony Evers, Matt Flynn, Mike McCabe, Mahlon Mitchell, Josh Pade, Kelda Roys, Paul Soglin, Kathleen Vinehout

Candidates have been randomly assigned into two groups. The first group of candidates will participate from 1:00pm until 2:00pm, with the second group participating from 2:00pm until 3:00pm. The first group to participate will be Tony Evers, Mike McCabe, Paul Soglin, and Kathleen Vinehout. The second group will be Matt Flynn, Mahlon Mitchell, Josh Page, and Kelda Roys.

Where: Ward4, [313 N Plankinton Ave](#). Event will be held in the second floor galleria.

When: Friday, August 3rd from 1:00pm - 3:00pm.

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance at this forum by contacting Andy Suchorski at (414) 213-8838 or andy@chrisabele.com