

Milwaukee County Supervisor Taylor: Board veers out of its lane in politically motivated referendums

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MILWAUKEE – On Thursday the County Board of Supervisors adopted two referendums to appear on the November General Election ballot for Milwaukee County voters: 1) regarding “prohibiting the import, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession of semi-automatic ‘military-style’ firearms” ([22-776](#)) and 2) regarding “allowing adults 21 years of age and older to engage in the personal use of marijuana, while also regulating commercial marijuana-related activities, and imposing a tax on the sale of marijuana” ([22-800](#)).

County Supervisor Steve F. Taylor released the following statement on the referendum votes:

“Yesterday the Milwaukee County Board adopted two advisory referendums under the disguise of garnering public input when in fact they are politically motivated and are issues in which the Board cannot effectuate policy change.

“Why put these questions on the November ballot when the County Board had no authority to set policy you ask? Because these two ballot measures are meant to ramp up the Democratic vote to re-elect Governor Evers and defeat Senator Johnson.

“Decisions like this are unfortunate because it takes focus away from the important work that still needs to be done as well as pits us against the Republican-controlled legislature who controls Milwaukee County’s financial future.”

The two referendums come at a cost of \$36,000 to the taxpayers.