

Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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Supervisor Peggy West Calls for End to Mass Incarceration Policies

MILWAUKEE – The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution by Supervisor Peggy West today that called for an end to mass incarceration, and for reform of practices that disproportionately impact communities of color in Wisconsin.

"Mass incarceration policies have devastated our neighborhoods and disproportionately affect communities of color. Instead of wasting money on locking up non-violent offenders, we should be investing in our schools, job training, and in drug treatment programs." said West.

West's <u>resolution</u> calls for an end to mass incarceration, and requests that "the Wisconsin State Legislature and the Governor provide increased funding to the Wisconsin Treatment Alternatives and Diversions program."

West's resolution also declares that the Milwaukee County Board "supports a comprehensive review and revision of Wisconsin's sentencing guidelines, parole processes, and revocation processes to ensure they are in line with best practices around the country."

Supervisor West has been an outspoken critic of policies and practices that contribute to mass incarceration, and a strong advocate for AODA treatment and jail diversion policies.

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