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### **WAUKESHA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY SUPPORTS SALES TAX ORDINANCE**

**(WAUKESHA, WI)** –Today, Thursday, October 17, 2024, Waukesha County District Attorney Susan L. Opper is announcing her support to implement a 0.5% County sales tax to the State’s existing 5% Sales and Use Tax.

“Throughout my career as a prosecutor and Waukesha County District Attorney I have been a strong advocate for properly funding our justice system. For too long the State has not kept up its end of the bargain, falling far short of its commitment to pay for the services the justice system provides. By this time next year, Waukesha County will have fewer Assistance District Attorney’s than it did when I started working here in 1991,” Sue Opper said.

“Crime in our county, especially crime committed by non-county residents, is on the rise. In fact, over 40% of our criminal court cases involve non-county residents. Unfortunately, county property taxpayers have been left paying the bill. A county sales tax can help change that. The sales tax will do what the state has failed to do and help stop the trend of deep cuts to the areas of justice and public safety and keep our residents safe,” Opper concluded.

**About the Waukesha County Sales Tax:**  
[www.waukeshacounty.gov/CountyExecutive/SalesTax/](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/CountyExecutive/SalesTax/)

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