



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
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Supervisor Ortiz-Velez Committed to Repairing Mitchell Park Domes

MILWAUKEE – Supervisors Sylvia Ortiz-Velez released the following statement in response to a [study](#) that called for the demolition of the Mitchell Park Domes.

"Recent media reports about the Mitchell Park Domes have generated renewed interest in the future of those structures and the horticultural conservatory they house.

"Last year, Milwaukee County [established](#) a task force to study the idea of locating the Milwaukee Public Museum at Mitchell Park. This task force commissioned a study to look into that idea, and the firm that conducted the study recommended demolishing the Domes and building a new facility to house both the Milwaukee Public Museum and the horticultural conservatory. Although I disagree with the study's conclusion that the cost of restoring the Domes outweighs the benefits, I am disappointed that the study did not adequately address the possibilities of combining the museum with the existing Domes structures.

"To be clear: It is not Milwaukee County's policy to demolish the Domes, nor is that my position. My position is to restore and repair the Domes, and do what is necessary to keep the Domes operational for the foreseeable future. I also want to clarify that the Milwaukee Public Museum task force that commissioned the study released this week is a different body than the Domes Task Force, which I am a member of. The Domes Task Force is currently developing a long-term plan for the repair and restoration of the Domes, and intends to release that plan by September."

The Milwaukee County Task Force on the Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes will host a joint meeting with the Milwaukee Public Museum Task Force on April 3 at 5:30 PM at the Gordon Park Pavilion, 2828 North Humboldt Boulevard in Milwaukee.

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