



MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Supervisor Goodwin Proposal to Create Basketball League Recommended by Parks Committee

MILWAUKEE – Today the County Board’s Parks, Energy, and Environment Committee voted (4-1, Sumner) to recommend for adoption a [resolution](#) by Supervisor Russell Antonio Goodwin, Sr. requesting the Parks Department work with [Milwaukee Recreation](#) to organize the “Milwaukee County Basketball League.”

“We must find creative ways to combat crime and violence in our community,” said Supervisor Goodwin. “We must come together to stop the violence in our community like we did to cheer on the Bucks to their first championship in 50 years. We must do our part to stop gun violence, car thefts, and other violent crimes. We can’t put this burden solely on the Milwaukee Police Department or the Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Office. Within the last week a barber in my district who was mentoring our youth was killed. Last night there was a shooting at the Walmart on 103rd and Silver Spring. This is truly unacceptable, and we must address this with creative partnerships and positive solutions.”

Supervisor Goodwin aims to address violence and crime in Milwaukee County by creating the Milwaukee County Basketball League as a positive outlet for youth and community members. He envisions the league attracting sponsors, community partners, and grant funding to assist with operations.

Supervisor Goodwin also hopes to use the league to introduce community members to other Milwaukee County services, as well as high school, GED, and college resources.

“I would like to thank the Parks Committee for passing this resolution today,” added Supervisor Goodwin. “This league can help give our community a hand up and help curb some of the violence we are experiencing. Even though we are in the early stages, I am confident we can build strategic partnerships for this league and create a great asset for Milwaukee County.”

The full County Board will consider this proposal at its Thursday, September 23 [meeting](#).

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