

County of Kenosha

Board of Supervisors

Resolution No. _____

Subject:			
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Submitted by:			
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Prepared By:			

WHEREAS, In light of the current COVID-19 Pandemic, many voters in Kenosha County and in the state of Wisconsin have voted absentee by Mail-In Ballot, and more states have implemented a Mail-In Ballot Voting System for elections this year and the Wisconsin Elections Board has ordered that all registered voters for the November election be sent an absentee request form; and

WHEREAS, over 21,000 more Kenosha County voters requested an absentee ballot for the 2020 Presidential Primary in April than did for the 2016 Presidential Primary and over 1,106,831 more State of Wisconsin voters requested an absentee ballot for the 2020 Presidential Primary in April than did for the 2016 Presidential Primary

WHEREAS, 5 states - Utah, Washington, Colorado, Hawaii and Oregon - have a Mail-In Ballot System for all elections and another 17 states have Mail-In Ballot Voting System for some elections. It is a system that is more secure than the present system, voting is safer, there is increased participation and is a more effective and efficient system cost wise; and

WHEREAS, there is no right of citizens to petition for an advisory election contained in the Wisconsin Constitution or Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Kenosha County Board, pursuant to Sec. 59.25(25) Wis. Stats, is permitted to conduct a countywide referendum for advisory purposes; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Kenosha County have asked that the Kenosha County Board provide them with an advisory referendum to speak their voice on the matter of Mail-In Ballots; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled does hereby approve that the following question be placed on the November 3rd, 2020 ballot as an advisory referendum question.

QUESTION: DO YOU SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MAILING ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS FOR EVERY ELECTION? YES _____ NO _____; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Corporation Counsel is instructed to prepare a Notice of Referendum to be published by the Kenosha County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the referendum shall be filed with the Kenosha County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the November 3rd, 2020 election at which the question will appear on the ballot.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved by:

Legislative Committee:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Excused</u>
_____ Andy Berg, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Boyd Frederick, Vice-Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Sandra Beth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Lon Wienke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Amy Maurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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