

Barrett and Walker Announce Plan for Ballots in Milwaukee

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Milwaukee...Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker announced details of a plan to provide the additional ballots requested by the City of Milwaukee Election Commission while insuring that all of the ballots can be accounted for after the election. The two leaders made the recommendation to the Milwaukee County Election Commission.

Details of the plan:

The Milwaukee County Election Commission will print and provide 938,300 ballots to the City of Milwaukee Election Commission for the November 2, 2004 election.

- All of the unused ballots from each ward in the City of Milwaukee will be returned to the Milwaukee County Election Commission after the election. This will insure that the county can account for all of the ballots provided to the city.
- The Milwaukee County Election Commission will pay for 2,000 ballots per ward. The City of Milwaukee Election Commission will pay for an additional 500 per ward if the total amount used per ward does not exceed the original 2,000 (if more are used, the county will pay).

“This solution guarantees that all voters are counted and all ballots are accounted for,” says County Executive Walker.

Walker spoke with the head of the Milwaukee County Election Commission – Janice Dunn - on Friday and she confirmed that she and the three members of the commission approve of this plan. With that in mind, Dunn is working with the printer to begin printing ballots on Saturday. According to Dunn, the ballots should be ready next week.

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