



News From

## Supervisor Joe Rice

REPRESENTING MILWAUKEE COUNTY'S  
SIXTH DISTRICT

901 North Ninth Street • Milwaukee, WI 53233 • (414) 278-4243

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Rice Releases Questionnaire Results for Sixth District

(MILWAUKEE, WI) . . . February 6, 2007 – Milwaukee County Supervisor Joe Rice today released the results of the recent questionnaire, which surveyed the opinions of his constituents on a wide array of issues facing Milwaukee County (see results below).

“The response to this survey was exceptionally high and I greatly appreciate the feedback and input I received,” said Rice. “The suggestions and advice provided will help me better represent this district when it comes to the significant matters coming before the County Board.”

“Whether it involves fundamental tax reform or creation of a means to properly maintain our county parks, people’s opinions and suggestions are enormously helpful. I value the comments, ideas, and even constructive criticism and am available to hear you out,” Rice concluded.

#### QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS:

(1) Please rank the following from 1 thru 5 according to the area you believe is most deserving of property tax support (“1” being the most important and “5” being the least important):

**1.59 Public Safety**  
**3.71 Transit**  
**3.15 Parks and Recreation**  
**2.83 Courts and Judiciary**  
**2.71 Human/Social Service Programs**

(2) Should Milwaukee County create an independently elected Park District with responsibility to manage all park operations and authority to levy taxes?

Yes = **29.7%**  
No = **44.8%**  
Unsure = **25.4%**

(3) In the face of projected structural deficits (the difference between ongoing revenues and expenditures), Milwaukee County should balance its budget by:

Increasing taxes = **19.7%**  
Reducing spending = **68.4%**  
Other = **11.9%**

(4) County Executive Scott Walker has proposed contracting out certain services currently performed by county employees, including park and building maintenance. Should Milwaukee County pursue such options?

Yes = 63.4%  
No = 25.1%  
Unsure = 11.5%

(5) Which tax is most important to reduce in your opinion (choose one):

Corporate = 3.4%  
Income = 18.3%  
Property = 70.4%  
Sales = 8.0%

(6) Should Milwaukee County actively market and sell property it owns that is determined to be surplus and not currently needed?

Yes = 66.2%  
No = 13.8%  
Unsure = 19.0%

(7) How would you rate the performance of:

	<u>Very Good</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
Congressman Sensenbrenner	29.1%	25.2%	14.7%	27.2%	3.0%
Governor Doyle	13.9%	21.5%	16.9%	45.4%	2.0%
County Executive Walker	36.8%	24.7%	16.9%	20.1%	1.6%
County Supervisor Rice	20.9%	38.0%	12.0%	1.8%	26.8%

(8) The current level of property taxation in Milwaukee County is:

Too high = 74.0%  
About right = 21.6%  
Too low = 4.4%  
Unsure = 5.1%

(9) Would you support raising the sales tax by 0.5% to support county parks, recreation and cultural programs?

Yes = 42.1%  
No = 49.7%  
Unsure = 8.0%

(10) Should the position of County Supervisor be full-time (with corresponding wage and benefits) or part-time?

Full-time = 18.4%  
Part-time = 58.6%  
Unsure = 22.0%

#####