

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

Dane County

November 8, 2022

Referendum Election Details

At an election to be held in the County of Dane on November 8, 2022, the following proposed Resolution of the County Board, will be submitted to a vote of the people:

Since 2012, 19 states and Washington, D.C., have legalized marijuana for adults over the age of 21. And 38 states and Washington, D.C., have legalized medical marijuana. A majority of Americans now have legal access to marijuana, either for medical or recreational uses, or both. This means that Wisconsin is increasingly becoming an island of prohibition.

Legalization of marijuana would have numerous positive benefits for our state, including addressing racial disparities in our criminal justice system, increasing state revenue, and affording people the ability to access the medicine they need.

Marijuana prohibition laws in the early 1900's were rooted in white supremacy and racist in their application, and in the first full year after the Marijuana Tax Act was passed, Black individuals were three times more likely than white individuals to be arrested for violating narcotic drug laws.

Disparities in arrest data continue today with Black individuals over four times more likely to be arrested for marijuana offenses than white individuals in Wisconsin, according to 2019 data.

These arrests, and the criminal records they create, lead to significant societal harm related to housing access, employment, and long-term economic security.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors supports the legalization of marijuana in Wisconsin and the expungement of previous marijuana-related offenses, and places the following two separate advisory referendum questions on the ballot for the November 8, 2022 election:

Advisory Referendum Question #1:

"Should marijuana be legalized, taxed, and regulated in the same manner as alcohol for adults 21 years of age or older?"

Advisory Referendum Question #2:

"Should all records of previous convictions for marijuana possession in small amounts in the State of Wisconsin be expunged?"

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Clerk shall take all necessary steps to implement this resolution.

Ballot Text

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

Advisory Referendum Question #1:

"Should marijuana be legalized, taxed, and regulated in the same manner as alcohol for adults 21 years of age or older?"

Advisory Referendum Question #2:

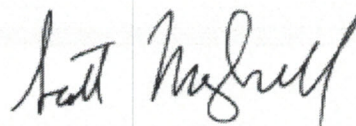
"Should all records of previous convictions for marijuana possession in small amounts in the State of Wisconsin be expunged?"

Explanation

Referendum Question #1 is non-binding and does not have the force of law. It seeks to elicit the opinion of the voters of Dane County as to whether marijuana should be legalized. A "yes" vote signifies that the voter supports adoption of legislation by the Wisconsin Legislature to repeal criminal statutes prohibiting the possession and use of marijuana and to adopt statutes taxing and regulating marijuana in the same manner as alcohol for adults 21 years of age and older. A "no" vote means the voter supports current criminal statutes and penalties for the possession and use of marijuana.

Referendum Question #2 is non-binding and does not have the force of law. It seeks to elicit the opinion of the voters of Dane County as to whether the records of criminal convictions for possession of small amounts of marijuana should be expunged. To "expunge" means to remove a record of a criminal conviction as if it had never occurred. A "yes" vote signifies that the voter supports legislation by the Wisconsin Legislature to adopt a statute expunging criminal convictions for possession of small amounts of marijuana. A "no" vote means the voter does not support expungement of these convictions.

Done in the City of Madison on October 21,
2022.



Scott McDonnell, Dane County Clerk

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At an election to be held in the County of Dane on November 8, 2022, the following proposed Resolution of the County Board, will be submitted to a vote of the people:

On June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court made the devastating decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, eliminating people's constitutional right to access a safe and legal abortion. Given this reversal of a 50-year precedent, individual states now dictate access to abortion care. Wisconsin Statute 940.04, enacted in 1849, bans abortion at any stage of pregnancy without exception for rape, incest, or health of the patient.

Polling consistently shows that the majority of people in Wisconsin, and across the United States, oppose the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*.

The decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* disproportionately affects communities of color, low-income communities, people who are disabled, immigrants, young people, and members of the LGBTQ+ community. This is an attack on reproductive care and sets a dangerous precedent for other questions of bodily autonomy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors supports the repeal of Wisconsin Statute 940.04, banning abortion at any stage of pregnancy without exception for rape, incest, or health of the patient to allow legal access to abortion care, and places the following advisory referendum question on the ballot for the November 8, 2022 election:

Advisory Referendum Question:

"Should Wisconsin Statute 940.04, which bans abortion at any stage of pregnancy without exception for rape, incest, or health of the patient, be repealed to ensure legal access to abortion care?"

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Clerk shall take all necessary steps to implement this resolution.

Ballot Text

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

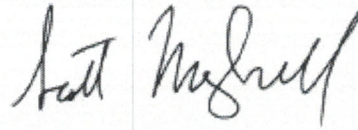
Should Wisconsin Statute 940.04, which bans abortion at any stage of pregnancy without exception for rape, incest, or health of the patient, be repealed to ensure legal access to abortion care?"

Explanation

Referendum Question #3 is non-binding and does not have the force of law. It seeks to elicit the opinion of the voters of Dane County as to whether the statutory ban on

abortion in Wisconsin should be repealed. Wisconsin Statute §940.04 was adopted in 1849, and makes it a felony for any person to perform an abortion in Wisconsin with no exception for rape or incest. As a result of the U.S. Supreme Court's holding in *Roe v. Wade*, that statute was unconstitutional and unenforceable since 1973. In June, 2022 the Supreme Court overruled the *Roe* decision, reinstating the statutory ban on abortion in Wisconsin. A "yes" vote signifies that the voter supports legislation by the Wisconsin Legislature to repeal Wisconsin Statute §940.04. A "no" vote means the voter does not support the repeal of the statutory ban on abortion.

Done in the City of Madison on October 21,
2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott McDonell", written in a cursive style.

Scott McDonell, Dane County Clerk

EXHIBIT C

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
STOUGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 8, 2022

Referendum Election Details

At an election to be held in the Stoughton Area School District on November 8, 2022, the following proposed Initial Resolutions of the School Board will be submitted to a vote of the people:

RESOLUTION NUMBER I

INITIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER I
AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$36,300,000

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Stoughton Area School District, Dane and Rock Counties, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$36,300,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide building systems, safety, security, energy efficiency, capital maintenance and site improvements; remodeling at the High School; removal of the prior Yahara Elementary School building; removal of the current maintenance building and construction of a replacement maintenance building; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

RESOLUTION NUMBER II

INITIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER II
AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,700,000

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Stoughton Area School District, Dane and Rock Counties, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$11,700,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of a gymnasium addition at River Bluff Middle School; removal of the current Community Gym building; related safety and site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

Ballot Text

The questions will appear on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION NUMBER I

"Shall the Stoughton Area School District, Dane and Rock Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$36,300,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide building systems, safety, security, energy efficiency, capital maintenance and site improvements; remodeling at the High School; removal of the prior Yahara Elementary School building; removal of the current maintenance building and construction of a replacement maintenance building; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?"

QUESTION NUMBER II

"Shall the Stoughton Area School District, Dane and Rock Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$11,700,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of a gymnasium addition at River Bluff Middle School; removal of the current Community Gym building; related safety and site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?"

Explanation

The referendum election ballot will ask District electors to vote "yes" or "no" on the referendum election questions as set forth above.

A "yes" vote on Question Number I is a vote to approve the borrowing of \$36,300,000 by the Stoughton Area School District through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide building systems, safety, security, energy efficiency, capital maintenance and site improvements; remodeling at the High School; removal of the prior Yahara Elementary School building; removal of the current maintenance building and construction of a replacement maintenance building; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

A "no" vote on Question Number I is a vote to deny the Stoughton Area School District the authority to borrow \$36,300,000 through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide building systems, safety, security, energy efficiency, capital maintenance and site improvements; remodeling at the High School; removal of the prior Yahara Elementary School building; removal of the current maintenance building and construction of a replacement maintenance building; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on Question Number I vote "yes", the District will be authorized to undertake the school facility improvement program described in Question Number I and borrow not in excess of \$36,300,000 therefor; if a majority vote "no" on Question Number I set forth above, the District will not be so authorized.

A "yes" vote on Question Number II is a vote to approve the borrowing of \$11,700,000 by the Stoughton Area School District through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of a gymnasium addition at River Bluff Middle School; removal of the current Community Gym building; related safety and site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

A "no" vote on Question Number II is a vote to deny the Stoughton Area School District the authority to borrow \$11,700,000 through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of a gymnasium addition at River Bluff Middle School; removal of the current Community Gym building; related safety and site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on Question Number II vote "yes", the District will be authorized to undertake the school building and facility improvement program described in Question Number II and borrow not in excess of \$11,700,000 therefor; if a majority vote "no" on Question Number II set forth above, the District will not be so authorized.

Location and Hours of Polling Places

Information as to the location of the polling places is available in the District Office at 320 North Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin.

All polling places will be open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M. All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.¹

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk:

¹ THIS NOTICE MUST CONTAIN A STATEMENT ABOUT THE ACCESSIBILITY TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED FOR EACH POLLING PLACE. IF ANY POLLING PLACES ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE OR IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, CONTACT THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION.