



RESOLUTION FOR ADVISORY REFERENDUM REGARDING PRIVATE FUNDING OF ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

RUSK COUNTY

TO THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ROLL CALL Board Members	AYE (Yes)	NAY (No)	Abstain / Excused
1. TERRY DUSELL	✓		
2. JERRY BILLER	✓		
3. ALAN RATHSACK	✓		
4. TONY HAUSER	✓		
5. TERRY WEDWICK	✓		
6. ROBERT STOUT	✓		
7. RANDY TATUR	✓		
8. TOM CUDO	✓		
9. PHIL UNTERSCHUETZ	✓		
10. JON UNTERSCHUETZ	✓		
11. PHIL SCHNEIDER	✓		
12. JIM MEYER	✓		
13. MARK SCHMITT	✓		
14. JOHN KALEPP	✓		
15. TOM HANSON	✓		
16. LOIS GOODE	✓		
17. DAVE WILLINGHAM	✓		
18. MICHAEL HRABAN	✓		
19. SHANE SANDERSON	✓		
TOTAL	19	0	0

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve Adopted Defeated

1st J. Unterschuetz
2nd P. Unterschuetz

No: 0 Yes: 19 Exc: 0

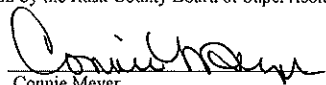
Reviewed by: _____, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: _____, Finance Director

FISCAL IMPACT: (Note if there is any fiscal impact or not)

Certification:

I, Connie Meyer, Clerk of Rusk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 26 day of July, 2022 by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors.


Connie Meyer
County Clerk, Rusk County

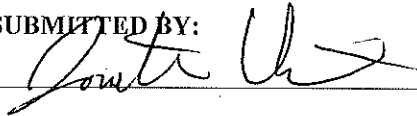
1 WHEREAS, During Wisconsin's 2020 General Election a private, non-
 2 profit entity, the Center for Tech and Civic Life, funded in part by
 3 Facebook Founder Mark Zuckerberg, furnished approximately \$8.5
 4 million to five Wisconsin cities and an additional \$1.6 million to over 200
 5 other Wisconsin municipalities.
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 7 WHEREAS, By accepting these grants municipalities agreed to certain
 8 conditions related to election administration which directly impacted the
 9 procedures adopted by municipalities who were recipients of the grant
 10 funding while other municipalities that did not receive the grants did not
 11 implement the same measures.
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 13 WHEREAS, By accepting these grants municipalities granted special access
 14 to voter data to agents of the special interest group, including the ability
 15 manage municipal staff and special access to ballots.
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 17 WHEREAS, Voters need to be able to trust that their local election officials
 18 are acting in a non-partisan capacity and are not under the influence of
 19 private resources that might impact how an election is administered.
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 21 WHEREAS, The ability to accept private funds for election administration
 22 can be used by any political party or special interest group to improperly
 23 influence the outcome of elections.
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 25 WHEREAS, The ability of a privately-funded special interest to participate
 26 in an election in this manner allows for circumvention of campaign
 27 finance laws and creates the appearance of unfairness in election
 28 administration.
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 30 WHEREAS, In order to have a well-functioning election, voters need to
 31 have trust in the fairness of the process.
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 33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of
 34 Supervisors insists upon the prohibition of the use of private donations
 35 from special interest groups, people, or other private entities by
 36 government for the purposes of election administration.
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 38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors,
 39 in legal session assembled, does hereby approve that the following
 40 question be placed on the November 8, 2022 General Election ballot as an
 41 advisory referendum question:
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Question: Should the State of Wisconsin prohibit election officials from soliciting or using private funds, technology, or services from special interest groups, people, or other private entities for the purpose of administering elections and referendums?

YES _____ NO _____

SUBMITTED BY:



7/14/22

