

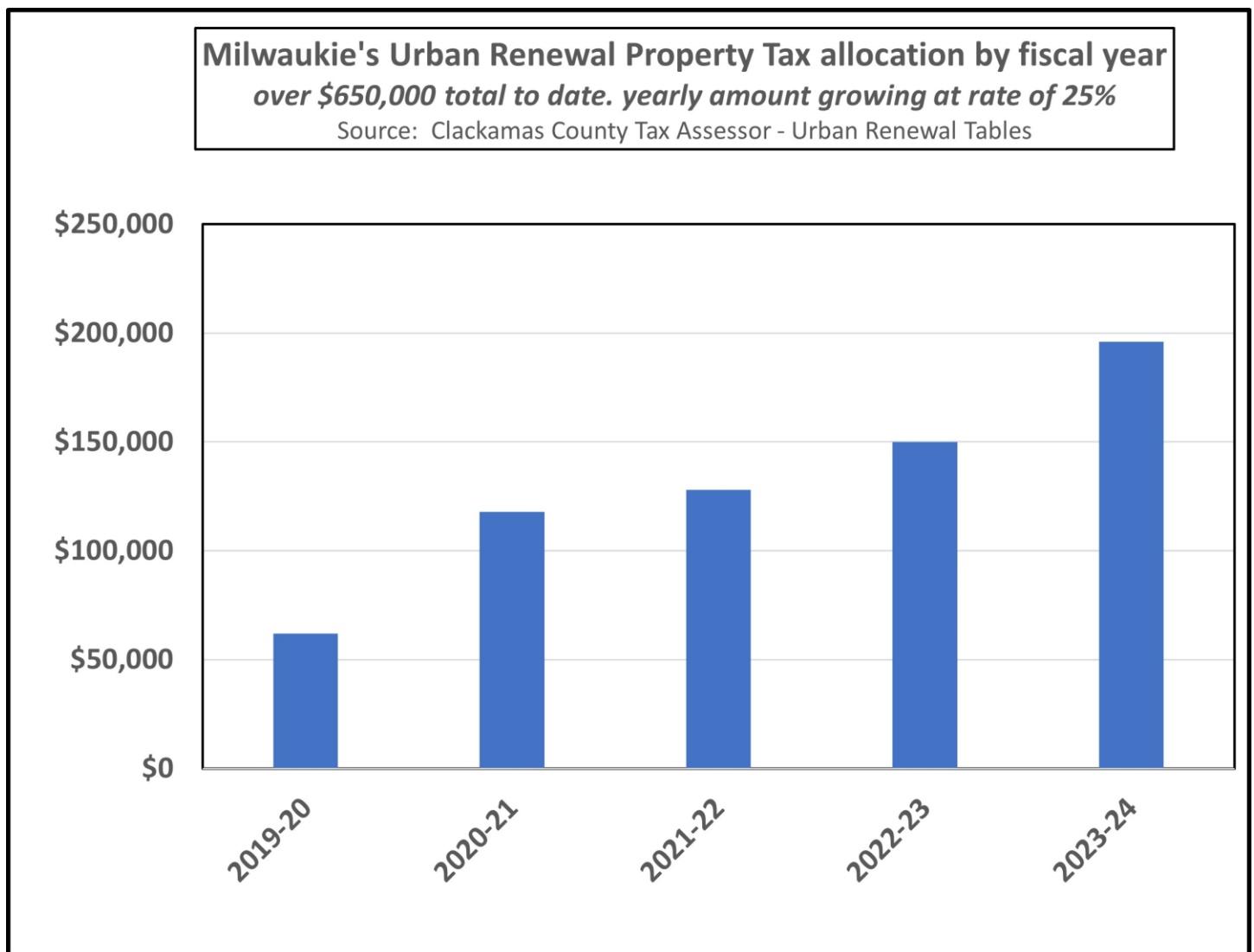
To: Budget Committee Members: Rowe, (Budget Chair) Schockner, Johnson, Chitsazan, Sherman-Burton, Massey, Khosroabadi, Batey, Nicodemus and Stavenjord

Public Comment for Budget Committee Meeting, November 13, 2023

Re: **Recommend adding a note about Milwaukie Urban Renewal's draw against property tax collections**

I focus on page 6 of the Quarterly Financial Report which emphasizes the gap between General Fund Operating Costs and Property Tax Collections.

In this fiscal year 2023-24, the City of Milwaukie Urban Renewal District is allocated nearly \$200,000 out of Milwaukie's Property Tax Collections. This is a 28% increase over the last fiscal year.



Over the last five years, Milwaukie's Urban Renewal District has reduced the availability of property taxes for Milwaukie's General Fund Operating Expenses by a total of over \$650,000.

If Milwaukie's Urban Renewal's allocation continues growing at its 5-year average annual rate of growth of 25%, Milwaukie's Urban Renewal District will take from Milwaukie's Property Tax Collections some \$400,000 per year by the year 2027-28.

I believe it is only fair and transparent to **add to page 6 of the Quarterly Financial Report a recognition that the availability of property tax collections for General Fund Operating Expenses is reduced by the City of Milwaukie's Urban Renewal District.** And that the City of Milwaukie's Urban Renewal District is established in the year 2016-17 by a vote of Milwaukie's City Council.

(Any increase in Milwaukie's property tax base stemming from Milwaukie's Urban Renewal District, allowing for increased property tax collections for General Operating Costs, will only become available at the end of the Urban Renewal District's term, which is some 25 years from now.)

I believe it is very standard in the corporate world for public corporations to note allocations of expenses even of the current dollar amounts as Milwaukie's Urban Renewal District. As such, a fair representation of the gap between General Fund Operating Costs and Property Tax Collections, as on page 6 of the Quarterly Financial Report, should also include a caveat as to the impact on this gap caused by the Milwaukie City Council's decision to create a city urban renewal district.

Sincerely,
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