

Kenosha



County

MEMORANDUM

Communication to Kenosha County Board of Supervisors
(For Informational Purposes Only)

COMMUNICATION TO APPEAR ON COUNTY BOARD MEETING AGENDA: 06/07/2022

SUBJECT: A Resolution Prohibiting The Acceptance Of Grants Or Donations From Non-Governmental Entities For Purposes Of Funding The Administration Of Elections

COMMITTEE:

SUBMITTED BY: Supervisor Brian T. Thomas

RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED AT

COMMITTEE ON

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional): Full Resolution Text Attached



KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution No. _____

Subject:

**A RESOLUTION PROHIBITTING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS OR DONATIONS FROM
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES FOR PURPOSES OF FUNDING THE ADMINISTRATION
OF ELECTIONS**

Original ☒]
Resubmitted ☐]

Corrected ☐]

2nd Correction ☐]

Date Submitted: 6/1/2022

Date Resubmitted:

Submitted by: Supervisor Thomas

Fiscal Note Attached ☐]

Legal Note Attached ☐] Agreement

Prepared by: Supervisor Thomas

Signature: *Brian T. Thomas*

WHEREAS, it has been established that the Center for Tech and Civic Life's (CTCL) transfer of about \$8,800,000 of Zuckerberg money to the WI-5 Cities of Milwaukee, Madison, Racine, Kenosha, and Green Bay for election purposes have cast doubt on the propriety of the 2020 Presidential election in those cities; and

WHEREAS, nearly one-half of the \$8.8 million distributed to the WI-5 cities was used by those cities in a get-out-the-vote campaign (GOTV) and election administration. It is not legal for elected officials (tax paid employees) to conduct GOTV campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the WI-5 Cities were required to sign an agreement with CTCL called the "Wisconsin Safe Voting Plan" (WSVP) which required those cities to adhere to the rules for the election as set by CTCL and Zuckerberg operatives, further there were claw-back provisions in the WSVP for CTCL in the event the cities did not comply with the WSVP; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2021, the Wisconsin Legislature passed a law forbidding the acceptance of private money by counties which was summarily vetoed by Governor Evers leaving Wisconsin vulnerable to election manipulation by private money; and

WHEREAS, investigations by Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty, (WILL) and Foundation for Government Accountability (FGA) reported and concluded that "bottom line" Wisconsin can-and should-prohibit jurisdictions from accepting private money for election administration;" and

WHEREAS, Center for Tech and Civic Life continued after the 2020 Presidential elections with similar county and municipal funding for election purposes in U.S. Senate races (e.g., U.S. Senate races in Georgia)-and we have no reason to doubt they will not attempt to do the same in Wisconsin in 2022: and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Kenosha County are concerned that Kenosha County or election officials in Kenosha County might knowingly or unknowingly accept private or corporate funds from organizations such as the Center for Tech and Civic Life;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors directs that the policy of the county shall be that no donation or grant shall be accepted from any person, or non-governmental entity, for the purposes of election administration, including, but not limited to, collection of ballots or voter registrations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian T. Thomas", written over a horizontal line.

Supervisor Brian Thomas