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Letter for Election Committee

Senator Joe Leibham, Chair
Legislative Council Committee on Election Law Review
Room 409 - South
State Capitol
PO Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Leibham:

Enclosed is a copy of Resolution No. 2005-03 which was adopted by the City of Cedarburg Common Council on January 10, 2005. This resolution supports the requirement for registered electors to show identification before receiving a ballot at the polls.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Sandra M. Ingram, MMC
City Clerk

Enclosure

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-03

A Resolution Supporting the Requirement to Show Voter Identification

WHEREAS, the Help America Vote Act of 2002 was enacted to improve the voting system and voter access; and

WHEREAS, under HAVA, a centralized, interactive computerized Statewide Voter Registration System is scheduled to be in place by January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, voter registration lists are prepared before Election Day to provide election inspectors with the names of all voters who are registered to vote at the polling place; and

WHEREAS, currently, an elector enters the polling place and states his/her name and address prior to receiving a ballot; and

WHEREAS, this procedure provides an opportunity for the election inspectors to determine if the elector is a qualified voter and provides the opportunity for other electors or election inspectors to challenge the elector's voting qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the announcement by the elector of his/her name and address is heard only by a few citizens in the polling place, limiting the possibility of a challenge; and

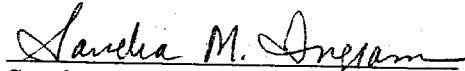
WHEREAS, election inspectors who provide the elector with a ballot have no course of action to verify whether the elector is the person on the voter registration list; and

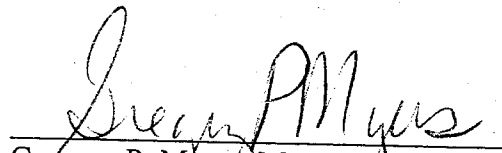
WHEREAS, by requiring voter identification prior to receiving a ballot, it will be assured that the elector is qualified to vote under the name and address given.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Cedarburg hereby petitions the State of Wisconsin Legislature to require registered electors to provide voter identification to election inspectors prior to receiving a ballot on Election Day.


Passed and adopted this 10th day of January 2005.

Attest:


Sandra M. Ingram, City Clerk


Gregory P. Myers, Mayor

Approved as to form:


Kaye K. Vance, City Attorney