



**Tom Barrett**  
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

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***Mayor Tom Barrett issued the following statement regarding Dane County Judge Flanagan's ruling today:***

*"As Judge Flanagan states in his opinion: 'The right to vote is a fundamental, defining element of our society. The Wisconsin Supreme Court has described it as a "sacred right.'*

*"I'm pleased with Judge Flanagan's decision. Wisconsin has one of the most restrictive voter ID laws in the nation.*

*"Placing deterrents and creating roadblocks on a citizen's right to vote warrant the court's serious review."*