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President Johnson affirms right to vote for all eligible citizens

Statement of Common Council President Cavalier Johnson November 23, 2021

During today's meeting of the Common Council, the Council unanimously passed a [file](#) I introduced to reaffirm our community's commitment that every citizen has the right to vote.

The COVID-19 pandemic introduced a variety of unprecedented challenges for voters and voting officials alike, and with Spring elections right around the corner, and the pandemic still with us, it is imperative that action is taken now to make sure our most vulnerable residents have unimpeded access to vote, including those who reside in nursing homes.

In 2020, the Wisconsin Elections Commission issued common-sense solutions to an unprecedented public health crisis that was supported by Democrat and Republican commissioners alike. As such, I am calling on the State Legislature to work with the Wisconsin Elections Commission to enact legislation protecting the right of nursing home residents to vote even during times of disruption.

The right to vote is sacred and represents the backbone of our democracy. As such, it should be protected in all circumstances. We must work collaboratively in a timely fashion to make sure every eligible citizen, regardless of age, health status or confinement has the ability to vote and have their voice heard.

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