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TO: Wisconsin Municipal Clerks
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SUBJECT: U.S. Census Bureau – 2011 Secondary Language Requirements Determination
City of Milwaukee only Wisconsin Municipality Meeting Secondary Language
Requirements

Pursuant to specifications in the Voting Rights Act as amended in July 2006, the U.S. Census Bureau released yesterday, Thursday October 13, 2011, a list of 248 jurisdictions across the nation that must provide language assistance during elections for groups who are unable to speak or understand English enough to participate in the electoral process. As part of Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act municipalities selected will be required to provide election materials in the required language.

The Census Bureau has reviewed the Data from the American Community Service following the 2010 Census and has determined that the only municipality to meet the Requirements of Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is the City of Milwaukee. The City of Milwaukee will be required to provide election materials in Spanish for Hispanic voters. No other Town, Village or City was found to fall within the Section 203 requirements in Wisconsin.

The complete list can be found at the Federal Register: <http://www.federalregister.gov/>

If you have questions, please contact the G.A.B. Help Desk at GABHelpDesk@wi.gov, or (608) 261-2028. Questions may also be addressed to Steve Pickett, Elections Specialist, at Steve.Pickett@wi.gov, or at (608) 266-3061. Thank you.

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