

EXCLUSIVE; Milwaukee County Board Member To Defy Vaccine Mandate

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A member of the Milwaukee County Board intends to defy the mandate by County Executive David Crowley that all county employees receive a Covid vaccine by October 1.

Sylvia Ortiz-Velez, who represents a big chunk of Milwaukee's south side on the board, has sent a letter to the County Board chair indicating she does not intend to comply with Crowley's mandate. In the letter, Ortiz-Velez's aide says the supervisor will wear a mask and comply with social distancing but does not intend to comply with the vaccine mandate.

Crowley's order states that all employees of the county be vaccinated or submit a medical or religious exemption. Ortiz-Velez is the first known Milwaukee County elected official to refuse the vaccine mandate.

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