

Dear City Clerk,

I am vetoing Resolution 0478-20: Temporary Employment for Contact Tracers, Disease Investigators, and Monitors with the amended 80% local hiring requirement.

Subsequently, I am also issuing an Executive Order to execute a contract agreement with Maxim HealthCare Services to establish temporary employment for Contact Tracers, Disease Investigators, and Monitors with a 40% local hire provision.

The language adopted at Wednesday night's meeting creates a tension between two important goals: hiring nursing staff to help mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic and hiring local people to fulfill local contracts. Both are important goals. However fully achieving both of them in the time allotted is not feasible.

First, it was represented that there are five positions to fill, and that two of the nurses selected are Racine residents. In fact there are 11 positions to fill; five of them can start Monday; only one of the five is a City resident.

Attorney Letteney has been in contact with Maxim, the contractor who would hire the nurses. Maxim did commit to meeting at least 40%, ensuring five of the 11 positions will be ultimately filled by City of Racine residents.

Stay Safe,

Cory Mason

Mayor