West Allis Mayor Dan Devine to Hold Press Conference on Dark Store Advisory Referendum

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – August XX, 2018 – West Allis, Wis. – City of West Allis Mayor Dan Devine will hold a press conference on Tuesday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. in support of the Dark Store advisory referendum, which will be before voters at the August 14 Partisan Primary. The press conference will be held at West Allis City Hall, 7525 W. Greenfield Ave.

West Allis is joining city, village and county leaders from across Wisconsin who are concerned about the potential shift in property taxes to residential and other taxpayers if the legislation is not created to close the “Dark Store Loophole,” a tax break trick that commercial and manufacturing property owners use to save themselves from paying their fair share of property taxes.

“It’s important to close this loophole and protect residential and small businesses in our community,” said Devine. “Without legislation, more and more of the property tax burden will be paid by residential and small business owners in West Allis.”

According to the non-partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau, residential property taxpayers pay 68% of the property tax statewide. Without this legislation, homeowners and other taxpayers will pick up more of the costs as large retailers take advantage of the loophole.

Devine and members of the West Allis Common Council encourage voters to educate themselves on the issue and make their opinions known to lawmakers at the polls on August 14. A “yes” vote supports legislative regulation to close the Dark Store Loophole, while a “no” vote advises legislators not to take action on this issue. The City of West Allis has created a resource page for voters on its website at www.westalliswi.gov/darkstore.

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