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WALKER STATEMENT ON SUPERVISORS' QUESTIONABLE CLAIMS

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker issued the following statement regarding the four supervisors participating with a politically active union at a thinly veiled “memorial” news conference later today:

"It is despicable that anyone would use this tragedy for political purposes.

Leadership of the County Board had been briefed on several occasions with updates on O'Donnell Park and on the facade inspections on other county structures. All other information related to the issue remains under investigation by the District Attorney and Office of the Sheriff.

The inspection process for all county structures was announced by the County Board Chairman and myself and was accelerated to insure public safety. It was done with Milwaukee County-based Graef-USA, and the company contracted with ten local firms to assist in the inspections of more than 100 structures. A full report of the process was given to the leadership of the County Board.

It is unfortunate that an extreme minority of County Board members chooses to ignore updates from their own leadership and staff. If they were serious about getting more information, they would wait until the full County Board meets on this matter. The only reason for their press conference is to try and score cheap political points because their attacks are far removed from the truth."

From 2002 through this year, the county budgeted \$730 million for maintenance, repair and renovation costs for county structures. A June 25, 2010 memo from Parks Director Sue Black shows that all currently critical, potentially critical, or necessary but not yet critical work identified at the parking structure at O'Donnell Park was completed prior to June 24, 2010 and that the work identified was not related to the façade of the structure.

A detailed inspection of the parking structure was started on June 25, 2010 by an external structural engineering firm that is currently reviewing the installation of the remaining façade panels.

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