

**Voters with Facts Press Release**

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**WILL PETITIONS WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT ON BEHALF OF VOTERS WITH FACTS**

The Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty (WILL) filed a petition on June 30, 2017 with the Wisconsin Supreme Court to review the Court of Appeals' recent decision in the Voters with Facts lawsuit against the City of Eau Claire. That lawsuit seeks to invalidate the City's actions in creating and amending two tax incremental financing ("TIF") districts to fund certain aspects of the Confluence Project and, in particular, to use taxpayer money to pay fees and expenses to the real estate developers involved in the construction of the student residence hall/mixed use facility.

The lawsuit was dismissed by the lower court and Voters with Facts appealed. The Wisconsin Court of Appeals reversed, sending the case back to the lower court with directions that it proceed with judicial review of the legality of the City's actions and the validity of the Tax Incremental Districts in question. But in doing so the Court of Appeals ruled against Voters with Facts on some of their claims - claims that raise important constitutional and procedural questions. The Petition asks the Supreme Court to review those aspects of the Court of Appeals decision.

A spokesman for Voters with Facts stated, "We are pleased that WILL has filed our petition as we believe that the constitutional and procedural questions at issue have major ramifications and merit the Supreme Court's review."

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