

Statement of Candidacy for 2nd Vice Chairperson

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Dear County Board Colleagues,

It is with sincere humility and your understanding of the urgency in electing a strong voice during these tumultuous times, that I ask for your vote and support as the 2nd Vice Chairperson on the Milwaukee County Board.

It is no secret that there are changes in the air. The position has been overhauled and made part time, the political climate is as unpredictable as Wisconsin's weather, our constituents are losing trust in county government and our great city is in need of fresh leadership. Milwaukee is a place that I am proud to call home. I want to take care of that home. Additionally, I want to build a future here for my own family, but not under current political leadership. That is why I ran for the County Board, and that is why I am running for 2nd Vice Chair. I believe that fresh ideas, fresh perspective, the ability to lead and learn from and include others are all traits that the 2nd Vice Chair should have, and I possess those traits.

As a public school teacher, I am faced with what sometimes seems like insurmountable odds in the classroom. My ability to adapt through changing curriculum, new students mid-year, the demands of administration, all while collaborating with peers, has given me insight on how to work effectively and be adaptable. My work as a community organizer and activist has given me the tools I need to speak when others need a voice, and to listen when others need an ear. I have proven my leadership ability in my professional life and community involvement in many different capacities, often being selected to lead teams on projects. My participation in countless training programs and professional development opportunities allow me to continually learn how to best serve others, while being effective as a leader. Servant-Leader, that is what I want to be for you.

Colleagues, the time is now for change. It is time to let go of the status-quo and work towards a new direction, a new vision, and true fulfillment of our obligations. Within that, we need someone who will speak up for us as a board as we make difficult decisions, but also hold each other accountable for when we forget about the people.

I assure you that I will serve honorably as 2nd Vice Chair. If you want to talk or discuss matters, or even offer your concerns, I am open to that. Again, I ask that you please vote for me, Monday April 18th because I want to serve you and bring freshness to the new County Board.

Sincerely,



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