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MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD CHAIRWOMAN • 10TH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

Marcelia Nicholson-Bovell, District 10
Statement of Candidacy for Chairwoman
Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors | 2026–2028 Term

Supervisors,

I respectfully ask you vote “Nicholson- Bovell” to continue serving as your Chairwoman.

Over the past term, I have led with a clear focus: strengthening this institution, supporting each of you in delivering for your districts, and ensuring our work produces real, measurable results for Milwaukee County residents. I am proud of what we’ve accomplished together.

My leadership is grounded in experience, as an educator, union organizer, and a national trainer on civic engagement and collaborative governance, but more importantly, in how I’ve applied that experience here as your Chairperson: setting direction, creating systems that work, and making it easier for every Supervisor to be effective.

Leading an Operation That Works for You

I have been intentional about how this Board functions day-to-day—because strong operations lead to stronger outcomes.

- We’ve improved internal communications through tools like the *INTERNAL Report*, making information more accessible, timely, and useful. These regular communications also highlight Team contributions through this intern-led, staff-driven approach. A shoutout to our (paid!) Board interns and our staff Team who are dedicated to our future leaders.
- We’ve modernized our systems, including enhancements to Salesforce, to better support your work, from managing Public Service Funds to strengthening constituent services and outreach. These enhancements connect internal operations with stronger, more responsive engagement with constituents. Citation procedures are also being integrated to streamline a multi-step, cross-team workflow.

These are foundational changes designed with one goal in mind: ensuring you have what you need to serve your districts effectively.

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Serving the Board and Strengthening Our Collective Leadership to Deliver for our Residents

My priority has been to support you, not just as colleagues, but as leaders.

- We've reimagined our public-facing spaces including the "For the People Room," to better connect residents to services and to you, creating a more welcoming and functional environment grounded in the County's No Wrong Door approach. We've also invested in professional development and training opportunities shaped by your feedback, because a stronger Board starts with supported Supervisors.
- We've shown what's possible when we are aligned. The unanimous adoption of the 2025 Budget and the 17-1 passage of the 2026 Budget reflect our ability to work together and deliver. Those budgets restored critical transit funding and invested in priorities like Food Access, Birth to Three, Market Match, Right to Counsel, and Fast Fund, direct responses to what residents have asked of us.

I value every member of this Board and the unique perspective you bring. Our work is strongest when we are intentional about how we show up together, because real connection drives meaningful collaboration. Leadership also requires understanding, adaptability, direction and consistency, and I have worked to provide all.

Representing Milwaukee County

As Chairwoman, I have been proud to represent this Board beyond these chambers.

- Building relationships, elevating our priorities, and positioning Milwaukee County as a leader in local and national spaces.
- Our [recognition](#) by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation as a Culture of Health Prize recipient underscores that the work we lead here matters. From [declaring](#) racism a public health crisis to advancing a [vision](#) for equity, we are setting a standard for what local government can achieve.

Looking Ahead

This next term is about building on that momentum.

It's about deepening our impact, strengthening our alignment, and continuing to deliver for the residents who are counting on us, all while celebrating and connecting with our communities in moments like Juneteenth, Pride, and throughout the summer in our county parks.

I am asking for your support not only because of what we've accomplished together, but because I am prepared to lead us into what comes next, with continuity, clarity, and collaboration.

Thank you for your consideration and your partnership. Supervisoras, les pido que voten por "Nicholson-Bovell" para presidenta de la junta.

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