



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date: December 28, 2021

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: David Crowley, County Executive

Subject: Appointment of Joe Lamers to Director of Milwaukee County's Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Sec. 59.17(2) and subject to confirmation by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, I am pleased to appoint Mr. Joe Lamers to the position of Director of Milwaukee County's Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance. The appointment length is four years, at which point it will be again subject to your confirmation.

Mr. Lamers comes with over fifteen years of experience working in local government administration, from the west coast to the east coast. He has spent the last three years in Milwaukee County serving as Director of the Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget (Budget Director) where he collaboratively led Milwaukee County's \$1.3 billion annual budget process. Mr. Lamers was also instrumental in identifying long-term solutions to improve the County's fiscal sustainability, including advancement of solutions identified by "Fair Deal of Milwaukee", advancing the County's strategic plan and vision to achieve racial equity, and implementation and management of the Continuous Improvement Office.

Prior to coming to Milwaukee County, he served as assistant deputy commissioner in the finance office of the New York City Department of Social Services, where he was responsible for overseeing agency budget totaling more than \$11.5 billion.

Throughout the pandemic Mr. Lamers has provide leadership over COVID-19 response efforts, including representation on the Emergency Operations Center and management of COVID-19 grants including CARES (\$77M) and ARPA (\$183M). Most recently, he managed and supported the implementation of the Grants and Special Projects Office, created to support County departments in efforts to pursue external funding to advance strategic initiatives.

I have every confidence that Mr. Lamers will provide the leadership needed for Milwaukee County. I urge you to give this appointment your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,



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Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Board of Supervisors
George Christenson, Milwaukee County Clerk
Joe Lamers