



Greater Milwaukee
& Waukesha County

August 22, 2017

Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Milwaukee County Courthouse
901 North 9th Street, Room 201
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Re: Confirmation of Nicole Brookshire, Executive Director Office on African American Affairs

Dear Supervisors,

Shortly, you will take up the appointment Nicole Brookshire to Executive Director, Office on African American Affairs. I fully support her and her confirmation.

As you know, Ms. Brookshire most recently served as the Vice President of Operations for Junior Achievement of Wisconsin, overseeing a \$5.4 million annual budget and over 70 employees. During her tenure at Junior Achievement, an organization that partners with Milwaukee public, charter, and choice schools, she led efforts to ensure their operations and partnerships met the needs of all of the students they served. In her short time as acting director, Ms. Brookshire has already begun the important role of collaboration through her concerted effort to reach out to individuals doing similar work in the community.

I understand the central role of collaboration as I began my new role as the director of Innovative Strategies for Boys and Men of Color in October of 2016 and I am looking forward to partnering with Ms. Brookshire and the Milwaukee County Office on African American Affairs for the betterment all African American citizens. Together, through fostering partnerships in the Milwaukee community, we can collectively work to find innovative ways to close the gap for all individuals of color in our community, to collectively address some of the most critical issues facing African Americans including: education, income and health.

Ms. Brookshire is a tireless professional, who throughout her career has worked for the advancement of the African-American community. I am confident that she will work with all elected officials to execute the mission of the office for the benefit of all Milwaukee County's citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Reed", written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Shannon Reed

Director, Innovative Strategies for Boys and Men of Color

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