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Milwaukee County Executive Office and MCFLS Board of Trustees-

I am writing to be considered for a position on the MCFLS Board of Trustees. I'm a First Generation Filipino-American. Growing up, my immigrant father was in the United States Air Force. As a result, I lived in six different states in my first 13 years. Despite all the moving, one of the few constants was the library. It was always one of the first places we visited upon arriving in our new city so we could get our library cards. This habit continued into my adulthood. Upon moving to Chicago for graduate school and six years later to Wauwatosa, I went to the local library and signed up for a library card. As soon as my own children could write their first and last name, they signed up for library cards. It has been my goal to raise children who not only love reading, but also the public library. I have always been in awe of the opportunities libraries can give all people. Through access to programming, voting information, zoo passes, free Wi-Fi, and many other resources for patrons, libraries truly can offer something for everyone. Thus, it only seemed natural to serve on the Wauwatosa public library board. After having spent over a year on the Wauwatosa board, I would love nothing more than to spread my wings and help serve on the library board for Milwaukee County as well.

In 2008, I became a Milwaukee County resident after graduating from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology with a doctorate in child psychology. In 2009, I completed my post-doctoral training at a child and adolescent outpatient center in Wauwatosa and obtained my license to practice child psychology in Wisconsin. Since then, I have stayed at home with my two children. I have spent hundreds of hours at McKinley Elementary School as a library volunteer. Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year to the present, I have been working as a substitute teacher at McKinley as well. This school year, I am the Community Outreach chair for the school's PTO in which I hope to coordinate service projects that benefit not only the local community, but also the greater Milwaukee area and beyond. As a founding member of a local anti-racist group, Tosa Moms Tackling Racism, I am passionate about the idea of a library serving as a community catalyst for social justice. I am highly motivated to be a part of the continued equitable success of public libraries. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
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