

April 12, 2016

RE: Statement of Candidacy for Chairman

Dear County Board Colleagues,

It was a tremendous honor to represent this legislative body over the last eight months. I kept my pledge to deal with each Supervisor in an honest and straightforward manner and have led with a strong voice, standing up for the policy and budget priorities initiated by the legislative branch. Today, I ask for your vote and support to lead the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors as your Chairman during the 2016-2018 term.

If given the opportunity, I will remain a Chairman who is accessible and accountable to all members. After my election as leader, I worked with the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit and the entire County Board to pass an annual budget that balanced the need for resident services with limited taxpayer resources. I also cooperated with Supervisors to help pass budget initiatives that were both important to individual districts and of critical countywide importance. As a result of a budget amendment that I spearheaded, significant lay-offs at the Board also were avoided this year, and we will be able to sustain communications with our constituents on County matters. Further, after budget adoption, together we passed a lauded public-to-public partnership with the Milwaukee Art Museum on O'Donnell and advanced our plan to re-open and repair the Milwaukee County Domes.

My management experience, including several years of self-employment, has enhanced my service as Chairman and the head of this department. I am qualified to hire, manage, and supervise County Board staff. It is incredibly important that we run an efficient operation as the Board faces more budget reductions next year with the continued implementation of Act 14. At the same time, our constituents, even in this changing and challenging environment, demand quality representation and services from Milwaukee County and its elected officials.

The electorate now has chosen its slate of Supervisors for the next term, and this Board will establish how it can best function within the newly modified governance structure. We have a responsibility to those who elected us to make it work. Supervisors are from varied and diverse backgrounds, and I will listen to what you need to best represent your constituents as we decide together how best to move forward. My office has already been working for months to develop an improved constituent relations management tool that will improve our ability to communicate with residents when we are away from the Courthouse. Thanks to these efforts, this new tool will be ready to launch soon after the start of the upcoming term.

We are strongest when we are united and work together. Therefore, if you need to talk, I will answer your call. If you want to meet, I will make time for you. It is important that your concerns and interests are known and understood. For my part, I will make sure you have all the information you need to make good decisions because, at the end of



the process, it is the County Board that sets the policy and budget of Milwaukee County. I will strive to strike consensus and forge common ground while always being a strong advocate for Milwaukee County and the Board of Supervisors.

I again ask for your vote on Monday with the commitment that I will serve honorably and fulfill the duties of Chairperson to the best of my abilities. Please give me a call if you would like to discuss my candidacy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Theodore A. Lipscomb, Sr.', written in a cursive style.

Theodore A. Lipscomb, Sr.
Milwaukee County Board Chairman