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County Board of Supervisors
Milwaukee County Courthouse
901 N. 9th St., Room 201

Dear Colleagues -

Subject to the approval of the County Board's Committee on Intergovernmental Relations and the confirmation of the County Board of Supervisors, I hereby appoint Jamie Kuhn to the position of Intergovernmental Relations Director of Milwaukee County for a term commencing November 2, 2012.

As the attached resume reflects, Jamie is well-qualified to serve Milwaukee County as its Intergovernmental Relations Director. She has more than twelve years of experience in the Wisconsin State Capitol. Having worked in both the State Assembly and the State Senate, she has first-hand knowledge of the dynamic landscape in Madison. Jamie also has prior experience as a registered lobbyist.

Currently, Jamie is the Chief of Staff to the State Senate Majority Leader, and she served in that same role when he was the Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance. Having provided staff support to key legislative leadership positions, Jamie has exceptional insights and invaluable relationships. Her experience in state government will benefit Milwaukee County and translate into real results.

Jamie even briefly represented a diverse constituency on the Dane County Board. Given her previous public service as an elected Supervisor, she understands the critical role that the legislative branch plays in setting policy. With her unique combination of experiences, she truly understands the needs of legislators and will be able to provide the type of assistance and staff support we require at the Board.

Jamie was born in Korea, raised in River Falls, graduated from the University of Wisconsin—Green Bay and earned a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin—Madison. She also is a mother to two children and a stepmom to one. Her professional and life experiences make her a well-rounded pick for this position. Given her skill sets and her background, I believe Jamie understands our needs and will fight for Milwaukee County.

As Chairwoman, I make this important appointment with confidence. I believe Jamie will be a valuable asset to Milwaukee County and will assist Supervisors as we work to improve our intergovernmental relations both vertically and horizontally. I ask that you give Jamie your favorable consideration and vote to confirm my appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marina".

Marina Dimitrijevic,
Chairwoman
Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors



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Summary

Professional dedicated to improving the lives of children and families. More than 12 years of legislative service in the State Capitol with experience working in the Senate and the Assembly. Graduate Degree in Social Work (MSSW) with an emphasis on children and families public policy. Prior lobbying experience representing a statewide organization as its elected president. Demonstrated skills in communication and problem solving within the legislature, with the administration, agencies, organizations and the media. Consistently held management-level and supervisory positions.

Government Experience

Wisconsin State Senate, Chief of Staff to Senator Mark Miller *September 2000-present*

Responsibilities to Senate Leader: Implementation of policy agenda, legislative and external coalition building, and communication strategy for Majority Leader. State Senate operations, along with the minority leader's staff. Management of office, including: staff assignments, daily schedule, administrative budget, constituent communications and media contacts. Advised and collaborated on all issues during the past legislative session.

Primary assistant to Senate Leader in the development and coordination of policy positions and amendments to the state biennial budget throughout the legislative process on issues ranging from economic development, unemployment compensation, SeniorCare, and consumer protections. Established good working relationships with Democrats and Republicans and their staff in the Senate and the Assembly, as well as other interested parties. Coordinated with Joint Finance Committee members, Senators and Representatives, on budget amendments and motions to improve the budget in areas such as youth aids and Medicaid. Negotiated with leadership in the Senate and Assembly, as well as the administration, on legislation before the bodies. Contacted and communicated with members of our Congressional delegation and the Federal Administration on various health care waiver rules and regulations affecting Wisconsin.

Responsibilities to Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance: Counseled the Co-Chair, other members and staff, as well as negotiated on, all fiscal legislative and policy proposals included in the 2009-11 state budget and throughout the legislative session. Collaborated with legislative leaders (Democrats and Republicans) and their staff, the Governor, state agencies, the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, lobbyists, organization, and other interested parties. Successfully reduced deep cuts to TANF funded programs, public schools, shared revenue, health care programs such as FamilyCare, transportation funding and the Stewardship program.

Responsibilities to the Chair of the Environment Committee: Assisted and advised on the passage of the Great Lakes Compact and represented the Senate on budget negotiations with the Assembly on FamilyCare. Served on the BadgerCare Plus Advisory Committee, the Statewide Child Welfare Executive Committee, and the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board.

Legislative Aide to State Representative: Developed and presented training for newly elected legislators, provided assistance to the Representative's constituents, established a model for enhanced communication with local officials, schools and neighborhood associations. Managed undergraduate and graduate student interns. Increased the Representative's media presence.

**Government
Experience
Continued**

Legislative Aide for State Assembly Representative *May 1999-2000*
Established and organized the office for a freshman Representative. Oriented her to the legislature and the legislative process, provided assistance to her with constituents, managed the office, and developed legislation on county benefits specialists.

Dane County Board Supervisor, District 23 *April 1998-April 2000*
Elected to the Board of Supervisors. The 23rd district was one of the more economically and racially diverse districts in the county. Served on the following committees: Board of Health; Community Development Block Grant Steering Committee; Expo Commission; Children Come First; and Zoning and Natural Resources.

United Council President/Minority Affairs Director *January 1995-June 1998*
United Council is a statewide research, lobbying and advocacy organization for UW students, representing over 140,000 students at the local, state and federal level. The president was an elected position.

Management: hired and supervised six full-time professional and two-part time employees, as well as various interns; devised the budget and managed the finances; collaborated with students at 24 UW campuses who were the board of directors.

Public Relations and Legislative: primary contact and representative for the organization to campus, state and national media; initiated and developed material for media events; analyzed and responded to higher education policy; was successful in fighting tuition increases and passing privacy legislation; worked with the UW Board of Regents, UW System Administration, the state legislature (registered lobbyist), the WI Congressional delegation and other coalition partners; wrote and organized layouts for fact sheets, informational and promotional brochures, monthly updates, manuals and reports to present to various entities.

Organization and grassroots advocacy: coordinated and chaired monthly meetings of more than 100 participants; initiated and established strategies to promote the organization's priorities; and developed training material for members and facilitated training workshops on coalition building, conflict resolution, recruitment and retention, media and the legislative process.

Education

Master of Science in Social Work (MSSW), Emphasis on Children and Families Public Policy,
University of Wisconsin Madison, August 2003

Bachelor of Science in Sociology and Environmental Science, University of Wisconsin Green Bay,
December 1995

Other

University of Wisconsin Madison Social Work Professional Consultative Committee Member
