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

Re: Nicole Brookshire, Candidate for Milwaukee County Office on African-American Affairs

Dear Mr. Chairman and Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of Nicole Brookshire, candidate for the position of Executive Director, Office on African-American Affairs.

Ms. Brookshire has established herself in Milwaukee as a thoughtful, innovative, and collaborative problem-solver who cares about getting results that matter. Most recently Ms. Brookshire served as the Vice President of Operations for Junior Achievement of Wisconsin, overseeing a \$5.4 million annual budget and over 70 employees. Under her leadership, Junior Achievement improved its per-dollar value and increased revenue. Previously, Brookshire served as the Grants Compliance Manager for the City of Milwaukee Community Development Grants Administration, where she administered annual budgets in the \$10-\$16 million range. During her time at the City of Milwaukee, Nicole led the neighborhood stabilization efforts for the Community Development Grants Administration where she ensured that the city's NSP funding was allocated and expended in the most rational and transparent manner possible, to ensure neighborhoods impacted the most received the most relief.

Ms. Brookshire has shown her dedication to the community and I am confident that in the role of Director, she will be able to leverage her skills and networks she has built throughout her distinguished career for the betterment of all Milwaukee County and, specifically, it's African-American residents. For these reasons, I enthusiastically recommend Ms. Brookshire for this role. I urge the County Board to vote in the affirmative for her appointment. Thank you.

Sincerely

Ms. Katina Shaw

Senior Director, Community Relations & Family Liaison

