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**To:** Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Milwaukee County Supervisor, District 12, Peggy A. West  
**CC:** Kelly Bablitch  
**Date:** 4/12/2016  
**Re:** Nomination for Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairwoman

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My Honorable Colleagues, please accept this statement as my nomination for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairwoman of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

I understand that the 1st Vice Chair must provide support and leadership to the Milwaukee County Board particularly during trying times. When critical situations arrive on the board, I have a proven record of providing leadership and support to board members working to resolve the issues while maintaining a strong, independent voice. In my tenure on the County Board and in my capacity as a member of both the Finance and Audit Committee, and as Chair of the Health & Human Needs Committee, I have exhibited leadership by maintaining my own voice, thought processes and independently evaluating the merit of all legislation and policy changes.

I believe I have been a pro-active member of this Board. I have introduced legislation designed to address the immediate needs of Milwaukee County, especially in the area of Human Services and during the Budget Process. I have been meticulous when reviewing all information given to me regarding matters important to the board. I've made a point to be objective and to have an open mind when addressing matters that are important to our constituents. I have asked the hard questions on our constituents' behalf because I believe they deserve honest answers.

I have strived to be respectful and to be a good team player. I believe that I have a solid working relationship with everyone on the Board and believe that going forward, I can build on those relationships, producing productive partnerships with every member of the County Board as well as with the County Executive. I have also enjoyed a strong working relationship with our staff and believe that these relationships will benefit the Board and Milwaukee County's constituents.

In addition to the relationships that I maintain within Milwaukee County Government, I also believe that the relationships I have developed with city, state, and federal elected officials and their staff will also be very helpful to Milwaukee County. I want to use these relationships in a

manner that will produce positive outcomes -- outcomes that will be beneficial to Milwaukee County as a whole and would greatly assist us in moving Milwaukee County forward.

As 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairwoman, I will work with the Board and our staff to host an annual countywide event highlighting Milwaukee County as the jewel that it is in Wisconsin. I will move to have the spot light shine on our board so that all of the good work we are doing can be showcased to the public as we have done in the past with the "Milwaukee County Open House".

As we move forward together to create the new "norm" in County Government with our part time positions and operating under Act 14, I believe my proven leadership and genuine concern for the people of Milwaukee County make me uniquely qualified to be a vital member of the County Board leadership team. There will be kinks to be worked out, schedules to be worked around and concerns to be addressed, but I look forward to working together to address these issues, as well as the other critical issues facing Milwaukee County.

In closing, I would like to express my strong desire to work with each of you to provide the best we can for the residents of Milwaukee County. I have vision and I am confident in my leadership abilities. I am ready and willing to be 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair and I humbly ask that my colleagues on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors give me that chance to work for you. Thank you.