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Ms. Marcella Nicholson, Chairwoman  
Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
901 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Rm 201  
Milwaukee WI 53233

Dear Chairwoman Nicholson:

I am responding to your letter of November 4, 2020, regarding empaneling of the Independent Redistricting Committee. I do meet the criteria set forth in the ordinance and am interested in appointment to the Committee. My resume is enclosed.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours truly,



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## JIM GRAMLING BIOGRAPHY

### Employment

1971 – 1986 Worked as staff and managing attorney for legal services programs in Kansas City, MO (Legal Aid and Defender Society) and Milwaukee (Legal Action of Wisconsin): specialized in housing matters, represented public housing resident associations

1986 – 2007 Municipal Judge for the City of Milwaukee; Presiding Judge for 10 years: wrote initial decision in City of Milwaukee v. Eloise Wroten declaring the authority of municipal judges to decide constitutional issues and finding the City's "Hindering An Officer" ordinance unconstitutional, later upheld by the Wisconsin Supreme Court,

2007 – Present Volunteer Attorney for the Center for Driver's License Recovery and Employability in Milwaukee: direct representation of clients, policy development, legislative advocacy

### Community Activities

Parklawn YMCA, Milwaukee, Board Member

Northwest Side Community Development Corporation, Milwaukee, Board Member and President, Chair of Board Governance Committee

Sherman Park Community Association, Milwaukee, Chair of Housing Committee; Board Member and President of Redevelopment Corporation

Neighborhood Housing Services, Milwaukee, Board Member

Milwaukee Fatherhood Initiative, Milwaukee, Advisory Board Member

Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic, House of Peace, Milwaukee, Volunteer Attorney

American Constitution Society, Milwaukee Lawyers Chapter, Board Member and Chair

Center for Driver's License Recovery and Employability, Milwaukee, founding member

American Civil Liberties Union Wisconsin, Youth and Civil Liberties Council, Advisor

Developed numerous community-based outreach efforts while at Municipal Court, including warrant release and driver's license counseling at Veterans Standdowns, juvenile warrant release at Journey House and Career Youth Development, driver's license counseling at Milwaukee Urban League and Congress for a Working America

### Recognition

Benedict Center of Milwaukee, Phil Lerman Heart of Justice Award

Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association, Judge of the Year Award

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Greater Milwaukee, Roz & Max Libman Award for Advocacy

Milwaukee Bar Association, Lifetime Achievement Award

Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund, Howard B. Eisenberg Lifetime Achievement Award