

September 1, 2017

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 to urge your support for the appointment of Nicole Brookshire to the position of Executive Director of the Office on African American Affairs.

Milwaukee is at a crossroads. As a city and county, we are experiencing once-in-a-generation development and growth. However, not all are connected to this growth nor will benefit from the new opportunities for our city. We continue to face immense challenges within the African American community and look to Milwaukee County to provide leadership to powerfully, strategically and collaboratively work to create effective and sustainable solutions to address these challenges. We need a competent, and experienced leader who will fearlessly take on this charge and I believe Ms. Brookshire will bring this kind of leadership to the newly-formed office.

Ms. Brookshire has demonstrated these qualities of leadership many times over throughout her impressive career. In her position as the Grants Compliance Manager for the City of Milwaukee Community Development Grant Administration, Ms. Brookshire administered an annual budget of between \$10 million and \$16 million. During her time with the City of Milwaukee, Ms. Brookshire was responsible for neighborhood stabilization efforts in wake of the foreclosure crisis. In her most recent position as Vice President of Operations for Junior Achievement Wisconsin, Ms. Brookshire oversaw 70 employees and a budget of over \$5 million, Ms. Brookshire worked collaboratively with Milwaukee schools to ensure their operations and partnerships met the needs of every student served.

Ms. Brookshire has time and again demonstrated the leadership that makes me confident that she will be highly effective in this newly created position. For these reasons, I fully support Ms. Brookshire's appointment to the position of Executive Director of the Office on African American Affairs and urge you to confirm her as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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