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DATE: December 29, 2017  
TO: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Chris Abele, County Executive  
SUBJECT: Appointment of James Sullivan

Pursuant to Sec. 59.17(2) Wis. Stats, and subject to confirmation by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, I am pleased to appoint Mr. James Sullivan to the position of Director of the Milwaukee County Parks, Recreation, & Culture Department.

Since 2011, Mr. Sullivan served as the director of Milwaukee County's award-winning department of Child Support Services. Mr. Sullivan transformed the department into a national best practice model, collecting hundreds of thousands of dollars from delinquent parents who had the ability to pay but didn't, implementing new programs to help parents who wanted to meet their obligations but couldn't, and connecting parents to supportive community resources such as peer mentoring, job training and placement, and driver's license recovery. The department is the only Child Support Agency in the United States awarded a \$10 million, 5 year, New Pathways for Fathers and Families grant from the U.S. Administration for Children and Families. All together, these efforts are empowering more parents to support and engage with their children, and helping more families live a better life.

Prior to working for the County, Sullivan represented Wauwatosa, West Allis, and Milwaukee first on the Wauwatosa City Council and then in the state senate.

I have every confidence that Mr. Sullivan will bring to the Parks Department the leadership and vision needed for Milwaukee County. I urge you to give this appointment your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Abele  
Milwaukee County Executive

Cc: County Board of Supervisors  
Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Board of Supervisors