

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Sequanna Taylor

Milwaukee County Supervisor - 2nd District

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To the Honorable Body of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors:

I write to you today to submit my official statement of candidacy for First Vice Chairperson. I have had the opportunity to work with a variety of different people in many capacities, and believe my diverse experiences will best serve the Board.

In addition to my service as Second Vice Chair, I am a Director on Milwaukee's Board of School Directors. I am a past president of The Milwaukee Education Assistants' Association which has 1,000 members, and is a Branch of MTEA that holds a membership of over 4,000 educators. I have also served on the NEA Board of Directors with over 3 million members throughout the US. I am a mother, an ordained minister, and am active in my church and community. I am a member of Local Progress, the Young Elected Officials network, 9 to 5, and serve on several committees for NACO, and I am on the Wisconsin Counties Association Board of Directors.

Having to take the lead in a very trying time for educators, while maintaining work and family, gives me the unique ability of balance. I plan to demonstrate my ability of balance as First Vice Chair by being present and engaged. Even though this may be a part-time position, we all work diligently and take our commitment seriously.

Currently, I am the Chair of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and I serve on the Finance and Audit Committee. Through these positions, I maintain my own voice while giving voice to my colleagues, and demonstrating leadership and professionalism. Although I sometimes may not possess the same viewpoints as my colleagues, I honor those different viewpoints. I listen, attempt to understand our differences, ask the necessary questions in search of truth, and work towards a solution that benefits the common good. My sponsored resolutions have improved people's lives by dedicating resources to improve health care, housing, homelessness and serving other human needs.

Here on the County Board, much like in life, we are the helpers of one another and must work together. We all bring different views and experiences to the Board. Despite these differences, we all want what is best for our district and our county. As First Vice Chair, I will be a supportive leader while remaining an active leader, meaning I will challenge my colleagues daily by expecting our absolute best.

I hope to create an environment that fosters growth, innovation, and teamwork so that the Milwaukee County Board best represents our constituents and community. I would love to have your support for First Vice Chairperson.

Sincerely,

Sequanna Taylor