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To the People of the 10th District,

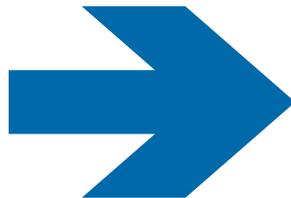
It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you. These are very difficult times in which we live, but we must not give up the fight. I strive to not just be your elected official, but to be a REAL leader for our community, a champion for equal rights and a fighter for the injustices that have plagued us over and over again. The time for bold leadership is NOW. In the seven months I've been in office, I have been hard at work fighting for the community that I love. I've hit the ground running, and I don't plan on slowing down. I work for you. I am here to serve you.

Together, we will succeed and transform our community. Keep the faith!

In Love and Service,

Eyon Biddle, Sr.

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Ready to Work Initiative

Supervisor Biddle's plan to create 1,000 jobs

Supervisors Biddle and Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., have developed a plan to create 1,000 jobs through the Biddle-Lipscomb Ready to Work jobs initiative. Ready to Work aims to create job access for Milwaukee County residents who have demonstrated prior success, yet cannot seem to reach the high-wage, family-supporting jobs that are currently available.

“We need to get our residents back to work, and this investment of \$1 million will allow us to train and place 1,000 people into jobs and career path opportunities,” Supervisor Biddle said. “We plan to seek another \$1 million in dollar-for-dollar grants from private foundations and organizations to expand the number of participants and job placement opportunities,”

The Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership & BIG STEP will provide training opportunities for work-ready individuals to gain access to County and private-sector positions with clear advancement opportunities.



“We have all seen the numerous reports about a perceived skills gap,” Supervisor Biddle added. “We can close that gap with a comprehensive program that doesn't use a single property tax dollar, yet it can benefit people from all backgrounds in all neighborhoods across this great County who are looking for work, but may lack the necessary skills.”

Youth Task Force Established

Supervisor Biddle Sponsors Key Resolution

The Board of Supervisors has approved a resolution authored by Supervisor Biddle to create a Youth Task Force, consisting of community youth and adult leaders, to develop recommendations on how to enhance to quality of life for youth in Milwaukee County.

The task force will convene in January 2012 and meet monthly to discuss a wide variety of topics including:

- Youth Violence Prevention
- Parks and Recreation Activities
- Youth Sports Authority
- Public Transit
- Children's Court Programming and Youth Services
- Creation of a Youth County Government Program
- County Sponsored Youth Employment Opportunities



Upon completion of the task force, the recommendations will be presented to the County Board for review and possible implementation.

Sup. Biddle Honored by Equality Wisconsin

Organization calls him “Equal Rights Champion”

Supervisor Biddle was honored by Equality Wisconsin at their annual member meeting in September. The organization honored County Executive Chris Abele along with a handful of other County Supervisors who voted in favor of a resolution that extended health benefits to domestic partners of Milwaukee County Employees. Supervisor Biddle was one of two lead sponsors.

“Equality Wisconsin is a great partner, and I’m glad we were able to improve equality in the workplace here in Milwaukee County government,” said Supervisor Biddle.

Supervisor Biddle also addressed those in attendance with a rousing speech about the importance of equal rights.



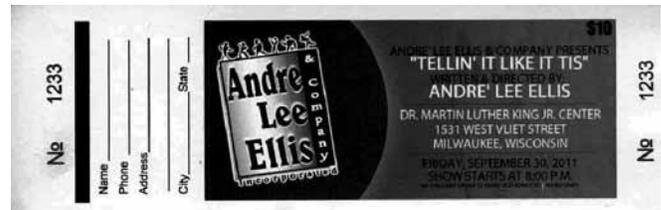
Supervisor Biddle receives an award for outstanding leadership on equal rights.

Sup. Biddle’s “Ban the Box” Adopted

County Board votes to increase job opportunities

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve a resolution authored by Supervisor Biddle that would remove questions related to prior conviction and pending criminal charges from the initial job application for Milwaukee County employment, developing a policy for uniform background checks on all candidates selected for hire, and encouraging the State of Wisconsin and all public and private employers to follow Milwaukee County’s lead in this area.

The Board also voted to support a change in State law in the reporting of expungements to the public from the Department of Justice’s Crime Information Bureau.



Sup. Biddle Sponsors Tickets to Local Play

Residents hear a powerful message from local cast

On September 30th, Supervisor Biddle helped sponsor tickets for 200 residents to attend the Andre Lee Ellis production “Tellin It Like It ‘Tis.” The performance was held at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center, in the heart of the 10th District. The play was about ten African-American men sharing stories of life, history and the everyday challenges that black men face in America.

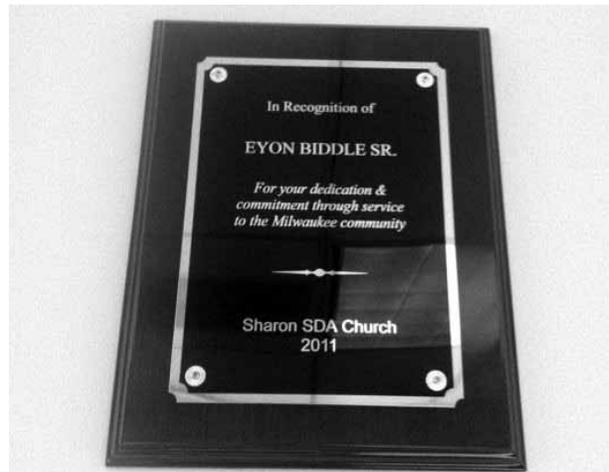
Supervisor Biddle Honored for Outstanding Dedication to His Community

Supervisor Biddle humbled by accolades from 10th District residents

Supervisor Biddle was honored by Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Church in recognition of outstanding dedication to the 10th District and his community.

“Words can’t describe my feelings on receiving this unexpected award. This is an institution I passed many times on the campaign trail and still pass frequently when I’m in the neighborhood. It feels good to be recognized by the people of my district,” Supervisor Biddle said. “A part of me believes this was undeserved because there’s so much more work to be done. But, ultimately, I am honored, and the energy in the audience was uplifting. They inspire me because they believe. This positive energy encourages me to keep fighting. These individuals believe that we can truly turn our neighborhoods around. I will always fight, serve, and advocate for my community. They don’t have to thank me for it, but I appreciate the recognition.”

Also honored for their dedication to the community were 1290 WMCS Host Earl Ingram, Pastor Sudie Jones, and Brenda Coleman.



Domestic Partnership

Supervisor Biddle Co-Sponsors Resolution

The Board of Supervisors approved a resolution co-sponsored by Supervisor Biddle to extend health benefits to domestic partners of Milwaukee County employees by a vote of 13-5.

“This is about treating employees fairly and making civil rights gains in Milwaukee County,” Biddle said. “Milwaukee County is one of the last local governments not already offering this tool. It’s a fair price to pay for equal rights.”

The benefit will be made available to county employees through open enrollment and will take effect on January 1, 2012. The benefit applies to both same and opposite domestic partners (who are certified via state requirements) and their dependents.

Alice's Garden Juneteenth Celebration

Sup. Biddle spends Juneteenth, Father's Day in the 10th District

Supervisor Biddle was on hand for the 1st annual Alice's Garden Juneteenth celebration. Located in the heart of the 10th District, Alice's Garden is an urban agricultural project in Johnson's Park that offers families and community organizations rental plots for personal and collective gardening. Alice's Garden also works in conjunction with Walnut Way to promote a healthier lifestyle for the community.

An avid champion of history, Supervisor Biddle touched on the struggle of carrying his ancestor's legacy by providing a better future for children. He also used the celebration, held the same day as Father's Day, to talk about the vital role fathers play in the lives of today's youth.

Supervisor Biddle says he looks forward to working with Alice's Garden in the future.



Salvation Army Feed the Children Event

On June 9th, the Salvation Army & Feed the Children delivered food to needy families. Biddle showed his support as residents received a week worth of food, personal care items and Avon products. The families were previously selected by The Salvation Army and agency partners La Causa Charter Schools & Highland Senior Apartments.



Human Trafficking

Supervisor Biddle has introduced a resolution to establish a Milwaukee County Task Force on Human Trafficking. He got the idea to take action at the County level after learning more about the issue at a recent community brainstorming session.

"We need to make sure that victims of human trafficking have access to resources at the County level to help them overcome these tragedies," Supervisor Biddle said.

The resolution calls for the Task Force to report back by September 2012 with recommendations on appropriate service models, policies and practices to protect both children and adults, job training and recovery for victims, and establishing transitional housing or safe houses for victims.

Supervisor Biddle Honors Local Philanthropist & Community Newspaper



Supervisor Biddle presented Milwaukee County Board citations congratulating both Ruth Hana and the Milwaukee Community Journal.

Tenth district resident Ruth Hana is a retired Milwaukee County Clerk who, over 17 years, collected over 1,000,000 cans and donated \$45,000 in proceeds to various charitable organizations.



The Milwaukee Community Journal received congratulations on their 35th anniversary. Supervisor Biddle thanked the newspaper for being a great media resource in the community and giving African-Americans a voice they don't receive in mainstream media.

Concealed Carry Legislation

Sup. Biddle Testifies in Opposition, Requests Changes



Supervisor Biddle testified at the state capitol in Madison stating his opposition to the Concealed Carry Legislation. He has since called on Governor Walker to go further with permit restrictions.

“It is imperative that public facilities in Milwaukee County be exempted,” Biddle said. “Concealed weapons should also be restricted in places like taverns, hospitals, child care centers and churches.”

Supervisor Biddle went on to talk about his concern for the safety of families onboard Milwaukee County Transit System buses, in the main terminal of General Mitchell International Airport, and in our parks, zoo, museums, and mental health complex.

Supervisor Biddle is the lead sponsor of a resolution approved by the Milwaukee County Board opposing concealed carry legislation in Wisconsin.

Tiefenthaler Park

Neighborhood Walk & Cleanup

Sup. Biddle joined the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department and the Milwaukee Police Department in a neighborhood walk and community cleanup of Tiefenthaler Park.

Neighbors and community leaders participated in the May 18th cleanup. The event was also an immediate campaign fulfillment of the Supervisor to make sure the parks in the 10th District are clean, safe, and enjoyable for everyone.



2011 Biddle Highlights



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New ID Restrictions for Voting

Q. What IDs are acceptable?

A. Acceptable IDs are: WI DOT-issued driver's license, WI DOT-issued identification card, Identification card issued by a U.S. uniformed service (military ID), U.S. passport, certificate of naturalization issued no earlier than two years before the date of the election it is presented, an unexpired driver's license or identification card receipt issued by WI-DOT, identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in WI and an unexpired identification card issued by a WI-accredited university or college that contains a date of issuance, student signature and expiration date no later than two years after the date of issuance.

Q. What is the monetary cost of IDs for voters?

A. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will waive the \$28 fee and provide FREE ID cards to any individual who will be at least 18 years of age on the date of the next elections, if they specifically state the ID is for voting purposes. This is true for voters applying for new, renewed or reinstated IDs. So be sure to check the box on your application form stating the ID is for voting purposes and also let the attendant know when you get to the counter.

Q. Does the address on the ID need to be current and match the address on the voter list?

A. No. However, if the address listed on your photo ID is no longer current, remember to provide proof of residency as well (e.g. WE Energies utility bill).

Q. Can I use an ID that is expired for voting purposes?

A. Yes, if it expired after the date of the most recent general election.

Q. Are any voters exempt from having to show a photo ID?

A. The following voters are exempted from having to show a photo ID: a military or overseas voter who votes by absentee ballot, a voter who has a confidential listing as a result of domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking, may show their confidential ID card or provide the election inspector with their name and confidential ID serial number, an absentee voter who is indefinitely confined because of age, physical illness, disability, or infirmity and who has qualified to receive absentee ballots automatically may submit a statement with their ballot signed by an individual who witnesses them voting to verify that the name and address are correct, an absentee voter who resides in a nursing home, qualified retirement home, community-based residential facility (CBRF), residential care apartment complex, or adult family home where special voting

deputies are sent may submit a statement with their ballot signed by the special voting deputy to verify that the name and address of the voter are correct, an absentee voter residing in a qualified retirement home, CBRF, residential care apartment complex, or adult family home where special voting deputies are NOT sent may submit a statement with their ballot signed by an individual who witnesses them voting to verify that the name and address are correct.

Q. Are mail-in absentee voters required to provide photo identification?

A. Yes. All mail-in absentee voters will be required to send a photo copy of photo ID with their request for an absentee ballot, unless they request the ballot by fax or e-mail, in which case they must submit the photo copy of their photo ID with the absentee ballot itself. The requirement will also go into effect starting with the February 2012 Primary.

Q. Once a mail-in absentee voter provides photo identification, do they need to continue providing ID with subsequent requests?

A. No. Once a mail-in absentee voter has provided a photo ID, they do not need to provide an ID again with subsequent absentee ballot requests unless their name or address changes.