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18th District Milwaukee County Supervisor

Dear Neighbors,

Milwaukee County is going through some amazing transitions and it is an incredible privilege and honor to serve as your County Supervisor, representing the northwest corner of Milwaukee.

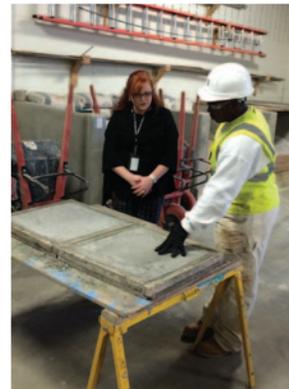
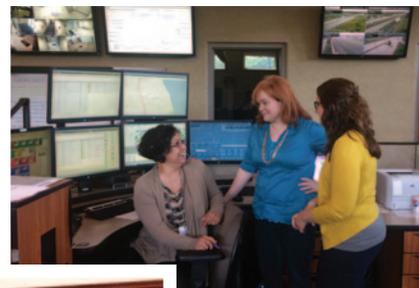
During my first term in office I have worked hard to stand tall on your behalf, cooperating with others to pass good policies that help Milwaukee County, while vocally recognizing when government starts down the wrong direction. The purpose of this letter is to share with you what we have accomplished and to provide you with a number of ways to contact my office with your insights.

There is always work to be done and I look forward to discussing the important issues that face our community and continuing to take bold actions toward building a better Milwaukee County!

Faithfully,

Deanna Alexander

Left to right: Supervisor Alexander welcomes Hope Christian Schools to the district, shows a view of the Park-East land for development, speaks at the Legal Aid Society luncheon, tours the 9-1-1 communications center, and learns how a Job Corps student progresses into his trade working on concrete projects.



How can I be of service?

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Committee Assignments

- Parks, Energy & Environment
- Transportation, Transit & Public Works
- Intergovernmental Relations
- EMS Council - Chair
- Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council

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Representing Our District

Milwaukee County Transit System - MCTS

The new fare box system is up and running! Riders can pick up new MCards (electronic smart cards that are replacing cash and coins on buses) throughout the county. In our area, MCards are available at Community Financial locations at 7410 W. Capitol Dr., 6404 N.



76th St., and 10400 W. Silver Spring. Next, since a county panel objected to contracting with a new management firm for MCTS, we will most likely be retaining the current firm for bus services, but transition to having more direct county oversight. I look forward to seeing things get better as we continue to support safe, accessible, and affordable public transit.

Making Sense of Medical Bills

Can you imagine being in the hospital in 2004, paying your copay and deductible, but then receiving a letter from the hospital a decade later saying that the insurance company made an error and now you owe the full bill? This administrative injustice happens too often to patients of the Milwaukee County Mental Health complex and regular hospitals. I am glad to help even the playing field for Wisconsin residents and taxpayers. My resolution requesting a limit on the time frame that insurance companies may seek recoupment of previously paid claims passed the County Board and was approved by the County Executive. I now look forward to working with state officials to help this idea become law.

Abstaining from Voting

Most people believe that elected officials should be accountable to the people they represent, not to other elected officials that they work with. This is why I voted against an ordinance change

that requires board members abstaining from a vote to stand up and give a reason to their peers. I answer to you, not politicians from other places.

The Living Wage Ordinance

I voted against what seems like an "employee betrayal ordinance" that had feel-good appeal but negative effects. It ignores the county-wide compensation study assigning appropriate pay levels for each position based on duties, experience, education and market comparisons. It was sold to the community as a way to create fairness, yet actually creates more disparities. For example, is it fair that employees working at Starbucks at Red Arrow Park will receive the "living wage," but employees working for Starbucks at a different location – the airport – would not receive the same wage? If the ordinance was really about fairly giving raises to low-income workers, why would non-profits and the entire airport campus be exempt? Finally, the County Comptroller advised us that the changes will gamble with bankrupting the Family Care program that serves our ill, disabled, and elderly – a risk too great to gain my approval.

Northwestern Mutual Offers to Purchase O'Donnell Park

Have you been to O'Donnell Park lately? Milwaukee County is currently contemplating selling a government-owned deteriorating parking garage with green parkland atop of it to corporate citizen Northwestern Mutual, which plans to invest millions of dollars in upgrades and beautifying improvements while retaining public access to the park. Selling the park avoids a future replacement cost of \$57+ million and creates an endowment fund for future improvements to other Milwaukee County Parks. Some people say we should never sell publicly owned land. Others think that we should sell what we don't use or what is burdensome so that we can put our resources and attention toward the property we really do want to maintain and use. Fill out the enclosed survey to share with me how you feel.



Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch visits Busch Precision in our 18th District to recognize adults completing a job training program.



Deanna announces the War Memorial's MacArthur Memorial Week.



Deanna helps a great cause: Salvation Army & Feed the Children.

Leadership...Doing What's Right

We're working on the 2015 Budget

A preliminary review of the Executive's proposed \$1.3 billion budget shows the following major initiatives:

- Revenue sources include \$279 million from property taxes, \$67 million from sales taxes, and \$31 million from the state.
- No tax increases or bus fare increases. Debt is lowered, furlough days are avoided, and employee pension payments are decreased, but employee healthcare contributions are increased to meet market rates.
- Moves Emergency Management functions from the Sheriff to other departments.
- Provides \$1.6 million more for mental health services.
- Provides \$10.1 million to improve the condition of county highways and bridges.
- Demolish Estabrook Dam rather than repair or rebuild it; this is the most environmentally protective option and eliminates ongoing maintenance costs.
- Remove the 47 year old Vogel Park wading pool from service, saving the cost of major maintenance and liability.
- \$3.8 million to complete reconstruction of a section of the Menomonee River Parkway.
- \$1.8 million to provide new voting machines across all 19 municipalities.



Supervisor Alexander joins County Executive Abele for the State of the County Address.

Read the Executive's entire budget proposal at:
county.milwaukee.gov/PSB/County-Budget.htm

Supervisor Alexander In-District Town Hall Meetings:
Thursday, October 30th ❖ 6:00 p.m.
Dretzka Park Chalet (12020 W. Bradley Rd.)

Saturday, November 1st ❖ 10:30 a.m.
Vogel Park (8601 W. Lancaster Ave.)

Full County Board Public Hearing
Monday November 3rd ❖ 6:30 p.m. at the Milwaukee Art Museum. Free parking is available at O'Donnell Garage and attendees will receive free admission to a new MAM exhibit!

November 10th ❖ 8:30 a.m. The County Board meets to adopt the budget and decide on the 2015 tax levy.

November 19th ❖ 1:30 p.m. The County board meets to consider any vetoes issued by the County Executive and finalize the budget, which takes effect Jan. 1, 2015.

Tuesday, November 4, 2014 is Voting Day

In addition to voting for candidates to represent you in positions like Governor and Congressman, you will be asked for your opinion on several YES/NO advisory referendum questions aimed at creating a record of public opinion on the following issues:



- **Amending the U.S. Constitution:** Do you think that only human beings, not corporations are entitled to constitutional rights? Or do you think that because corporations are organizations of human beings, a person's rights can be violated if government limits their corporations' spending and speech?
- **Wisconsin accepting federal taxpayer funds for Badgercare:** Do you think that the state legislature should change past practice and begin accepting all available federal funds? Or do you think that sometimes federal funds should be declined, like when the long term effect might obligate Wisconsin to difficult commitments?
- **Raising the minimum wage:** Do you think the State of Wisconsin should increase the minimum wage from \$7.25 per hour to \$10.10 per hour? Or could you think of reasons the minimum wage should remain as it is?
- **Electing or Hiring a County Executive:** Do you think the Milwaukee County Board should select and hire a County Executive? Or do you think the people of Milwaukee County should retain the right to select the County Executive themselves by voting in an election?

Read the names of ballot candidates and referendum questions before you go to vote! Visit **MyVoteWi.gov** to view your ballot.

1st Person's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

2nd Person's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Legislative Survey 2014

Tell Me How You Would Vote

In order for me to be a voice for residents of the 18th Supervisory District, I need to understand your perspective on key issues. I provide you with yes/no questions because that is how I have to vote: yes or no. Please fill out and return this survey or fill out the online version at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MilwaukeeCounty>

	1st Person's Responses	2nd Person's Responses
1. Do you believe your current overall tax burden is too high?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. When the salaries of County Supervisors are reduced by about 50% in 2016, do you think they should switch from daytime meetings to evening meetings?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Do you support raising taxes to pay for building the Bucks a new basketball arena in downtown Milwaukee?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. Do you support re-aligning the salaries of County employees to fairly match competitive pay rates?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. Milwaukee County only offers 50 taxicab permits for airport pickups. Do you support lifting or eliminating that cap so more taxicab drivers can provide services at the Milwaukee airport?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6. Do you support selling the neglected O'Donnell parking garage and rooftop park to Northwestern Mutual?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. The Vogel Park wading pool is 47 years old and a liability for the County. There are 2 wading pools and 1 splash pad less than 1.5 miles away. Do you support the proposal to turn the Vogel wading pool into green space?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. If you were put in the no-way-around-it decision of choosing between laying off Sheriff's Deputies or raising taxes by about 2% to preserve public safety, would you support the tax increase?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9. What is the greatest problem facing Milwaukee County today that you believe elected officials can help solve?		

1st Person's Response:

2nd Person's Response:

10. Which services provided to you by Milwaukee County do you find most important to support and maintain?
(Choose up to three and write your answer in the space provided)

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| a. Child Support Services | g. Mental Health Services | m. Zoo |
| b. County Road Maintenance | h. Parks, Pools, Trails & Golf Courses | n. Other: _____ |
| c. Disability Services | i. Sheriff's Department | Other: _____ |
| d. Emergency Medical Services | j. Transit / Buses | |
| e. Family Care & Aging | k. Veterans Services | 1st Person's Responses: _____ |
| f. Medical Examiner | l. War Memorial & Museums | 2nd Person's Responses: _____ |

11. Which characteristics do you find most important for your elected officials to possess or display?
(Choose up to three and write your answer in the space provided)

- a. Accessibility – you can reach them to talk
- b. Blending in – they stay out of the headlines and resist making waves
- c. Compromise – they are willing to give up the value of reaching all goals in order to guarantee partial successes
- d. Educated – they have attended college or are well read
- e. Experienced – they know how to get things done
- f. Family & Hobby – they have personal commitments outside of work
- g. Fresh – they aren't engrained in the government system
- h. Neighborhood Service – they volunteer and attend local events
- i. Persistence – they try and try again without giving up
- j. Politics – you generally agree with the same side of the political aisle
- k. Relationships – they personally know important people

- l. Self Sacrifice – they take the right steps on your behalf, even if it will hurt
- m. Understanding – they can relate to your problems
- n. Vocal – they are open with the media and stand up for you
- o. Work History – they have work experience in a special field or outside of government
- p. Other: _____
 Other: _____

1st Person's Responses: ___ ___ ___

2nd Person's Responses: ___ ___ ___

12. Rate your elected officials by writing in the corresponding number: (5 = Very Satisfied, 4 = Satisfied, 3 = Somewhat Satisfied, 2 = Dissatisfied, 1 = Very Dissatisfied, N/A = Unable to Rate) **1st Person's Response = Blue, 2nd Person's Response = Purple**

- a. County Supervisor Deanna Alexander ___ ___
- b. County Executive Chris Abele ___ ___
- c. Sheriff David Clarke ___ ___

- d. City Mayor Tom Barrett ___ ___
- e. Governor Scott Walker ___ ___
- f. President Barack Obama ___ ___

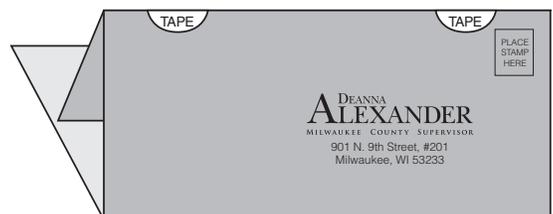
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How to mail in your survey:

1. With the survey questions facing you, fold inward the top panel (see diagram below.)
2. Next, fold along the solid line. This will make the address side appear in the mid-panel of the trifold. The instructions should be the back flap.
3. Place tape an inch away from each end at the top to close.
4. Add a first-class stamp and drop in the mailbox.



*Let Deanna know
what you're thinking*

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Supervisor Alexander joins the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) for a community women's health fair.

Senior Citizen Hall of Fame 2015 Nominations

Milwaukee County is accepting nominations for 2015 Senior Citizen Hall of Fame award winners. Do you know an older adult who has served the community? We are looking for nominees that have showed distinguished service volunteering in educational, community, or humanitarian areas; or who have made exceptional efforts to improve the lives of people regardless of race, creed, or national origin. We would like to honor them at a ceremony and celebration on May 22, 2015. Nominations for this award are due by February 9, 2015. Please contact Jill Knight at (414) 289-6794 for more information.

Milwaukee Government Key Contacts

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 Child Support 278-5160
 County Clerk 278-4067
 Dept. on Aging 289-6874
 For Persons with Disabilities 278-3932
 Family Care 287-7600
 Parks 257-7275
 Sheriff 278-4766
 Transit 344-6711
 Veterans Services 266-1234

CITY GOVERNMENT

City of Milwaukee 286-CITY (2489)
(Street lights, potholes, garbage, sewer, litter, abandoned vehicles)
 Common Council/Aldermen 286-2221
 EMERGENCY 9-1-1
 Fire (non-emergency) 286-8999
 Health Department 286-3521
(Inspections, disease control, clinics)
 Police (non-emergency) 286-4444

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 of every month
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 from 9AM until Noon
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 Thanksgiving Day
 Christmas Day &
 2015 New Year's Day
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