

MARINA'S MESSAGE

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Dear Friends,

July was a busy month in our neighborhood as well as at the County Board. In this E-Newsletter you will find important updates mainly from our last County Board Meeting. We have adopted a Final Redistricting Plan, approved many Cabinet Appointments, and adopted legislation to extend benefits to registered domestic partners of Milwaukee County employees. I have also added pictures of events in our community. The County Board will be back in session in September, and County Executive Chris Abele will present his 2012 Recommended Budget to the Board on September 29.

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2nd Hispanic Voting Age Majority District Created

The Milwaukee County Redistricting Committee approved a key amendment authored by Supervisors Marina Dimitrijevic, Peggy A. Romo West and John F. Weishan, Jr., to strengthen Hispanic populations in both the 4th and 12th Districts. The solution was developed after soliciting input from the community, interacting with constituents, and working with County Board staff. “This is the strongest Latino plan introduced to date. With these adjustments, the 4th District becomes the County Board’s second district with a majority Hispanic voting-age population and we maintain the 12th District as a Hispanic supermajority,” Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. “This is especially notable when you consider that, together, these two districts contain about 24,000 more residents than

the two Hispanic-majority City of Milwaukee Aldermanic districts.”

“We thank the Milwaukee County Board for adopting these adjustments and embracing these small changes to increase Latino representation,” Supervisor Romo West said. “Milwaukee County is on the forefront of accommodating Hispanic population growth. In 2004, the County Board created a Hispanic influence in District 4 and a Hispanic majority in District 12. Without this groundwork, it would have been much more difficult to reach the solution we did today. These actions will pay off for the Hispanic community and Milwaukee County as a whole.”

District	Tentative Plan <i>Hispanic Population</i>	Adjusted Plan <i>Hispanic Population</i>	Tentative Plan <i>Voting Age Hispanic Population</i>	Adjusted Plan <i>Voting Age Hispanic Population</i>
12	70.1%	70.0%	65.8%	65.9%
4	51.7%	58.3%	43.4%	50.6%

On July 28, the Milwaukee County Board adopted the final Redistricting Plan. [Click these links to view the new district map](#) and [population data](#).

County Board Approves Cabinet Appointments

On July 28, the County Board confirmed a number of key appointments made by County Executive Chris Abele:

- Corporation Counsel:** Kimberly Walker
- Economic Development Director:** Brian Taffora
- Child Support Enforcement Director:** Jim Sullivan
- Family Care Director:** Maria Ledger

“I am happy with the appointments the County Executive brought to the County Board for approval. It is essential to construct the best team possible to implement our policies and deliver services to Milwaukee County,” Supervisor Dimitrijevic stated.

Legislative Update

Sick Leave & Vacation Adjustments Made

I supported recent changes to employee vacation and sick leave entitlements to prevent a repeat of a circumstance that occurred earlier this year that permitted a returning employee to be compensated for an unusually high payout despite only working for about a month. Now, any former employee rehired after a three-year break in service will have no sick leave time restored. Other returning employees will “earn” back previous balances. I support a reasonable and fair sick and vacation policy that protects workers from a short-term illness, maternity leave or leave to care for a sick child. But taxpayers cannot afford to pay out large unused vacation and sick balances to employees upon retirement.

County Board Approves Domestic Partner Benefits

At our last County Board Meeting, 13 County Supervisors voted to approve legislation I authored extending benefits to registered Domestic Partners of Milwaukee County employees. This is a pro-business move, and we’re taking a page out of the book of some of the largest and most successful private-sector employers in Milwaukee. They use this tool to recruit the most talented employees in the marketplace, while also promoting equality and fairness throughout the workforce.

At a time when a number of county employees are retiring, we have a number of vacancies in key positions. From department head positions to entry-level positions, this benefit model can help ensure that Milwaukee County employs the best people possible.

Earlier this month, we announced our initiative at Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center. With more than 31,000 local employees, Aurora Health Care is the largest private-sector employer in Wisconsin and has offered domestic partnership benefits to employees since 2005.

In that time, Aurora has been a national health care leader, attracting some of the most talented health professionals in the world.

A recent survey from Fuel Milwaukee of MMAC found that 52% of job seekers were more likely to accept a job offer if they knew that an employer

offered domestic partnership benefits. Six of the ten Fortune 500 employers in the Milwaukee area offer similar benefits, including Johnson Controls, Kohl’s, Northwestern Mutual and Rockwell Automation.

The State of Wisconsin, City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee Public Schools already provide domestic partnership health benefits for their employees. One percent of the City of Milwaukee workforce has registered for this benefit, and Milwaukee County is expecting similar results.

According to the human resources firm Hewitt Associates, adding domestic partners to health benefits plans placed employers “no more at risk than when adding spouses” and reported an average cost increase of less than 1% to employers. A one percent increase in Milwaukee County would cost about \$700,000. It’s a fair price to pay for equal rights.

The proposed change would take effect in 2012 for same and opposite-sex domestic partners (who are certified via state requirements) and their dependents. County Executive Chris Abele has signaled that he will sign it. This is about treating employees fairly and making civil rights gains in Milwaukee County. We are one of the last local governments not already offering this tool. The time for equality, justice and fairness is now, and the time to institute it is now.

Recently in Milwaukee County

Supporting the Aerotropolis Act of 2011

Supervisor Dimitrijevic is a main co-sponsor of legislation that was authored by Supervisors Haas and Jursik supporting the Aerotropolis Act of 2011.

The adopted resolution states: as the world shifts towards a globalized economy, market opportunities are expanding and the demand for businesses to ship and receive goods more frequently and rapidly over long distances is increasing; and

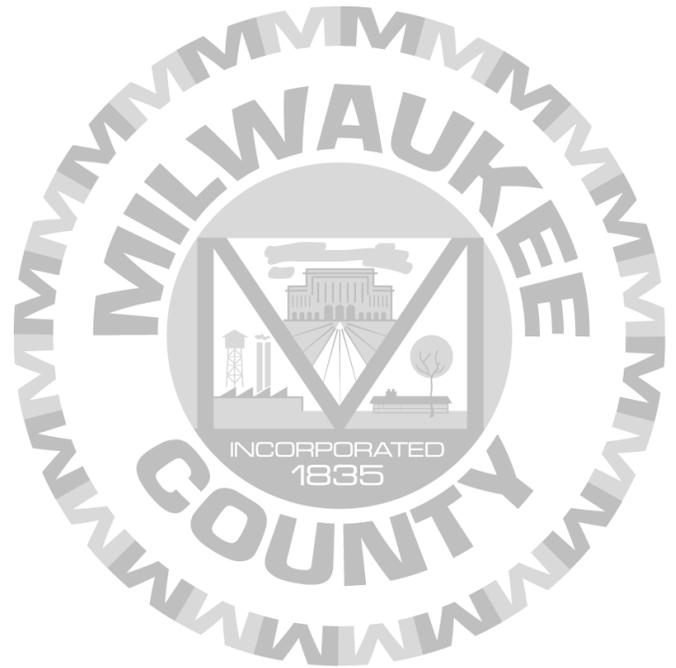
WHEREAS, in order to serve today's economic demands of connectivity, speed and flexibility, a new system comprising multimodal transportation networks and aviation-intensive businesses dubbed "aerotropolises" are developing around the world; and

WHEREAS, development of aerotropolis transportation systems is crucial to U.S. economic competitiveness to attract corporate headquarters, warehouses, and logistics centers; and

WHEREAS, currently there is a bill before the United States Congress titled the Aerotropolis Act of 2011 with Representative Gwen Moore as a co-sponsor; and

WHEREAS, this act directs the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to establish a grant program that would provide funding assistance to local entities for planning, design, environmental review, and land acquisition activities for aerotropolis transportation projects and development of intelligent transportation systems as well as highways, bridges, and public transportation systems that could benefit Milwaukee's port, terminals, and multimodal terminal facilities and increase access to ports and airports.

"The Aerotropolis concept is working for other airports throughout the nation and it is time for Milwaukee County to capitalize on this pro-business model. We have a great asset in our Airport, let's work to make it even better," said Supervisor Dimitrijevic.



Marina in the Community

South Shore Frolics: Team Marina with Mayor Barrett

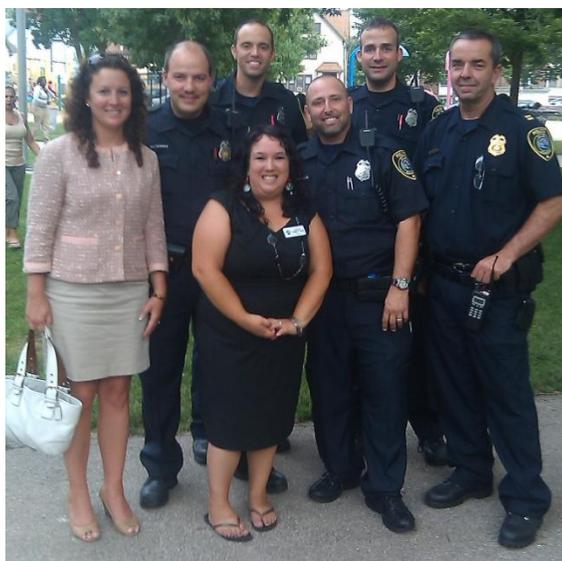
On July 15th Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, a proud member of the Bay View Lions Club volunteered for the 8th year in a row helping sell tickets for the Friday Fish Fry.

On Saturday, July 16th, Team Marina walked in the South Shore Frolics Parade and are pictured here with Mayor Tom Barrett.

Marina was happy to feature a Ford Fusion Hybrid from our Milwaukee County Fleet in the parade. This car was acquired with grant funding and is another positive result of our Green Print.



Clarke Square National Night Out



On July 28th we celebrated the Clarke Square National Night Out. This annual event is a great way to meet neighbors, local elected officials and law enforcement officers. By working together, we can say goodbye to crime in our neighborhood. Milwaukee County Parks sponsored the band Spanglish.

Supervisors Dimitrijevic and Romo-West are featured with local police officers at the event. Pictured below are: Michele Bria, Director of Journey House, Supervisors Romo-West and Dimitrijevic, and State Representative JoCasta Zamarippa.





Supervisors Dimitrijevic and Romo West pictured with Alderman Bob Donovan in front of Operation Impact's Armadillo security camera vehicle.

Marina attended the event hosted by Alderman Bob Donovan in her district on 37th and Becher. There were silent raffles to help raise funds to support Operation Impact and promote neighborhood safety. Local police officers and firefighters were also recognized for their role in protecting our neighborhood.