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4th District Fall 2007 Newsletter

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Dear Neighbors,

I hope you had a wonderful Milwaukee summer. Here at the County Board, we are beginning the process of adopting the 2008 Milwaukee County Budget. I consider this to be the most important part of representing you. It is also critical that you have the most accurate information regarding the budget and the process of its adoption. This is why I am hosting two listening sessions: to hear your priorities and concerns directly from you before I cast a vote on the budget. While we meet and deliberate for the next few months, my goal is to adopt a budget that is both fiscally and socially responsible.

Finding this balance is difficult as costs increase each year to provide services at the same level we expect. In addition, about two-thirds of Milwaukee County's Budget goes to provide health and human services and to run the courts system as mandated by the State of Wisconsin.

We need to take a new approach to budgeting, by modernizing to provide services in the most efficient manner. The 2008 budget will include policies outlined in my recently adopted Green Print legislation. Down the road, savings from the Green Print can fund quality-of-life and safety net services.

I have several priorities in the 2008 budget, enhancing transit, parks and cultural amenities, public safety, and care for the aging, mentally ill and disabled. One way to improve our transit system is decreasing fares and adding new routes and service in hopes of attracting new riders. The trend of cutting routes and raising fares is a step in the wrong direction.

Milwaukee County owns and operates 15,000 acres of beautiful parkland, which we must preserve, protect and promote for future generations. It's time we turn things around and invest in our nationally renowned parks system to restore it to what it once was.

As a Milwaukee County Commissioner on Aging, I believe it's a core part of Milwaukee County's mission to provide safety net services for those who need it most. In this budget, another priority of mine is to make sure we are providing assistance and promoting independence for senior citizens, the disabled and individuals with mental illness living in Milwaukee County.

I hope you will attend one of my listening sessions because your input is critical during this budget process. Please call or e-mail my office with any questions about Milwaukee County government or suggestions on how I can better serve you.

Marina D.



Supervisor Dimitrijevic, Alderman Tony Zielinski, members of the Bay View Neighborhood Association and other neighbors ride the Route 15 bus to show support for the Milwaukee County Transit System.

Budget Adoption Timeline

- **Thursday, September 27 – 9:30 a.m.** - County Executive presents budget proposal to County Board – Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200
- **October 1-early November** - Finance and Audit Committee reviews County Executive's budget and considers changes via amendments from Supervisors
- **Monday, October 29 – 7:00 p.m.** - County Board Public Hearing at Washington Park Senior Center
- **Monday, November 5 – 8:30 a.m.** - County Board Budget Adoption Meeting – Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200
- **Wednesday, November 14 – 1:30 p.m.** - County Board considers any vetoes from the County Executive – Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200
- **Tuesday, January 1, 2008** – Milwaukee County begins utilizing 2008 budget to provide public services

Supervisor Dimitrijevic appointed Chair of County Board Intergovernmental Relations Committee

In August, Board Chairman Lee Holloway appointed me to serve as the Chairperson of the County Board's Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Committee. What happens in Washington and Madison has major impacts here in Milwaukee County. In particular, we're closely watching the State Budget process to see if the State is willing to help pay for the services it mandates the County to perform, which account for the vast majority of Milwaukee County's budget. As the new Chairperson, I'm excited to lead this Committee forward and improve relations with different bodies of government to better serve our collectively shared constituency.

The IGR Committee reviews proposed federal, state and local legislation affecting the County and makes recommendations determining the County's policy on these matters. On special occasions, members of the Committee appear before Congress, the State Legislature and governing bodies of other municipalities to support the County Board's policies.

Supervisor Dimitrijevic's Green Print becomes law in Milwaukee County



On September 13, Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker signed my landmark "Green Print" legislation to transform the way Milwaukee County operates, modernize the way services are provided, and preserve resources for future generations. The Green Print incorporates a conservation ethic and plan for Milwaukee County to become more environmentally responsible. The comprehensive plan includes lower energy

consumption in County owned facilities, the utilization of more renewable energy sources, turning unused parkland back into native grasslands, managing storm water runoff, requiring higher energy efficiency standards in new projects, and the creation of a new cabinet-level position to oversee the Green Print. Considering Milwaukee County owns more than 800 buildings and serves one million residents, we must work to reduce our environmental impact and save tax dollars.

I thank my colleagues on the County Board for unanimously passing the Green Print in July, making a bold statement that the status quo is no longer acceptable in Milwaukee County. Our action reflects the support the Green Print has received from a coalition of citizen groups representing approximately 10,000 residents. The coalition includes the Sierra Club, Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful, the Good Jobs and Livable Neighborhoods Coalition, The Parks People, Milwaukee County Conservation Coalition, the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters, IBEW Local 2150, Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers, Groundworks Milwaukee, Urban Open Space Foundation, Wisconsin Green Building Alliance, One Wisconsin Now, and the Institute for Wisconsin's Future.

1st Annual Clarke Square National Night Out



Supervisor Dimitrijevic joined neighbors, law enforcement and other elected officials at the 1st Annual Clarke Square National Night Out in August, which featured a resource fair, free food and entertainment. This event helps neighbors get to know each other, a proactive way to keep crime out of our neighborhoods.



Supervisor Dimitrijevic hosts 9th Annual Senior Statesman Day

Supervisor Dimitrijevic pictured with the 2007 Class of Senior Statesmen from the 4th District. The annual event provides a unique opportunity for 25 Milwaukee County Seniors to meet with members of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, witness a County Board meeting and learn more about the legislative process in Milwaukee County.

Marina's on the Road to 40th Town Hall Meeting

On April 11, 2007, I held my 30th Town Hall meeting with residents of the 4th District, which includes Bay View and Milwaukee's near South Side. I believe in active, accessible representation for the constituents I serve. By the end of this year, I will have held 40 Town Hall meetings, budget listening sessions and issue-oriented public meetings since taking office in 2004. Read below for October's meeting schedule.

Your Opinion Counts

You are invited to participate in listening sessions I will hold throughout our neighborhood to discuss the adoption of the 2008 Milwaukee County Budget. Each meeting will begin with a summary of County Executive Scott Walker's 2008 Recommended Budget, followed immediately by public feedback and suggestions on the 2008 Budget. I hope to see you there!

Wednesday, October 10th

12:00-1:00 PM

OASIS Center,
Organization for Active
Seniors in Society
2414 W. Mitchell Street

Tuesday, October 23rd

6:00-7:30 PM

South Shore Park Pavilion
2900 S. Shore Drive

Milwaukee County Board Public Hearing on 2008 Budget Monday, October 29th

7:00-9:00 PM

Washington Park Senior Center
4420 W. Vliet Street