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County Board Committees

- ▶ Parks, Energy, & Environment
- ▶ Intergovernmental Relations
- ▶ Transportation, Public Works & Transit
- ▶ Chair, County Board Information Technology
- ▶ Milwaukee County Commission on Aging
- ▶ Lakefront Development Advisory Commission
- ▶ Milwaukee County Research Park Board

Community Memberships

- ▶ Salvation Army Advisory Board
- ▶ South Side Business Club
- ▶ Sierra Club
- ▶ Assn. of Marquette University Women
- ▶ Bay View Neighborhood Assn.
- ▶ American Council of Young Political Leaders
- ▶ Bay View Historical Society
- ▶ South Shore Park Watch
- ▶ Bay View Lions Club
- ▶ Inter-Organizational Council of Bay View
- ▶ Bay View High School Alumni Assn.
- ▶ 9 to 5, National Association of Working Women
- ▶ South Side Scholarship Foundation
- ▶ Board of Directors, Emerge Wisconsin
- ▶ UMOS Community Service Block Grant Advisory Committee

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for continuing to allow me to represent our neighborhood on the County Board of Supervisors; it is truly an honor. This newsletter contains important updates on the work I have done on your behalf. This year, I was proud to maintain my commitment to being accessible to you by holding my **125th town hall meeting**. Please pay special attention to the **new voting restrictions in place for the 2012 Spring Primary Elections coming up in February**. Lastly, I have explained the need for a balanced approach to our 2012 County Budget. In an effort to stay even more connected with you, my office sends out a **monthly e-newsletter**. Please send us an email if you are interested in receiving these updates. I look forward to seeing you in our neighborhood!

Marina D.

Proudly representing Milwaukee's near South Side and Bay View Neighborhoods

P.S. I am proud to continue the trend I started at the County Board by printing my newsletter on **100% recycled paper**.

Supervisor Dimitrijevic Holds 125th Town Hall Meeting

On September 14th, Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic held her 125th town hall meeting. "These meetings are important opportunities for information exchange. My constituents bring great questions to the table, and I often utilize their input in drafting County Board resolutions and budget amendments," Dimitrijevic said. "I thank the residents in my district for taking an active role in our community and participating in these meetings. I will continue this proactive approach of providing open forums for my neighbors." Since taking office in 2004, Supervisor Dimitrijevic has participated in 125 town hall meetings, budget listening sessions and issue-oriented public meetings.



Supervisor Dimitrijevic testified in front of the Joint Finance Committee at State Fair Park urging Legislators to preserve funding for mass transit in Milwaukee County.

Marina in the Community



Left: Supervisor Dimitrijevic speaking in Spanish at the Mexican Independence Day Celebration at UMOS in the 4th District.

Right: Supervisor Dimitrijevic was honored as an "Equal Rights Champion" for her leadership and dedication to seeking equality in Milwaukee County.

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2012 County Budget: Finding a Balanced Approach

Since I was first elected to the County Board in 2004, it seems that every budget in Milwaukee County gets even more challenging. For 2012, State aid to Milwaukee County falls by \$28 million. Difficult decisions are necessary to fill a budget gap of more than \$50 million. There are few good options to fill this hole.

County Executive's 2012 Recommended Budget:

- 38% fare increase for paratransit, which serves individuals with disabilities.
- Reduced support for the Sheriff's Department by \$14 million and eliminated the \$3 million subsidy to municipalities for paramedics.
- Cut \$3 million in parks funding; 15% cut in arts and culture.
- 125% increase, or \$25 million more, in what County employees pay for their health care costs.

Good news in the County Executive's budget proposal:

- Maintain most current bus service; create four new express routes.
- \$3 million for mental health transition to a community-based model.
- Include full-time Sustainability Director to implement the Green Print.

Supervisor Dimitrijevic's amendments:

- CLIC: Enhance public access by providing live and archived audio and video from all County Board and Committee meetings. This amendment reduces tax levy.
- Reduce paratransit fare increase by 40%.
- Institute a wellness plan called "Step Up" for County employees to further reduce employee health care costs.
- Restore \$1.5 million back to the paramedics subsidy to municipalities.



Thank you to the hundreds of constituents who returned surveys to my office. More than 74% of the responses I received favor a modest tax increase to preserve safety net and quality of life services in Milwaukee County. Your input helps me make the best decisions on your behalf as we move through the budget process.

PHOTO ID REQUIRED TO VOTE STARTING WITH THE 2012 SPRING PRIMARY

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.

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. This requirement takes effect with the February 2012 Primary.

Q: What is the 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 election, 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.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PHOTO ID

An acceptable photo ID is **NOT** required to contain a current address.

- » A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- » A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- » A Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- » A U.S. Passport

NOTE: Identifications above must have an expiration date after the November 2, 2010 election.

- » A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- » An unexpired driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT
- » An unexpired identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin.
- » An unexpired identification card issued by a Wisconsin-accredited university or college that contains the following:
 - » Date of issuance
 - » Signature of Student
 - » Expiration date not later than 2 years after Date of Issuance

County Legislation Now Just a "CLIC" Away!



Supervisor Dimitrijevic, Chair of the County Board Committee on Information Technology (Project TEAM), held a "paper cutting" ceremony in June to officially launch the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC), a new service that provides online access to all legislation within Milwaukee County.

CLIC allows visitors to track the progress of legislative items from their introduction through adoption or rejection. County Board and Committee meetings are all now CLIC-able.

"Not only does CLIC save money and use resources more efficiently, it also allows more sunshine in County government, allowing the public to participate in the most important part of County government: the crafting of public policy." Supervisor Dimitrijevic said.

www.county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC

Being Green is Saving Us Big Green



Milwaukee County continues to see successful results from the Green Print. The County is modernizing its fleet with fuel efficient vehicles by investing in 35 Ford Fusion hybrids and four hybrid bucket trucks.

Phase 2 of the Performance Contracting has upgraded a variety of buildings, from the airport to the zoo. Supervisors accepted a grant check of \$26,197 from Focus on Energy in recognition of reduced energy consumption achieved through solar panels installed at parking lot entrance booths.

"These savings show that by going green, we can save green," Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. "We have already achieved nearly \$10 million in energy savings upgrades to Milwaukee County's infrastructure."

Since 2008, Milwaukee County has received over \$600,000 in grants and Federal Stimulus funds to implement portions of our Green Print, which will lead to even more opportunities to reduce our environmental footprint, save tax dollars and preserve assets for future generations.



A healthier workforce is a more productive workforce. That's why Supervisor Dimitrijevic has introduced a STEP UP (Stronger Team through Employee Participation) wellness program to inspire County employees to live healthier, resulting in lower employee health care costs.

In the typical wellness structure, employees participate in an annual screening and develop a plan to help them stay or get healthy. Depending on which risks are identified, these participants could be referred to a smoking cessation program, given a diet/exercise program, or advised to see a doctor for a serious condition.

Health care costs are driven by a handful of diseases that can be managed or prevented. Wellness programs, successful in the public and private sectors, give employees an enhanced opportunity to take control of their future. "We are expecting an 80% participation rate, and I am confident that Milwaukee County employees will STEP UP to this challenge," Supervisor Dimitrijevic said.