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## Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for recently re-electing me to represent you on the County Board. It is truly an honor and privilege to serve you. This has been a very busy year filled with change. As you know, in April, my colleagues elected me to serve in leadership as the Chairwoman of the County Board. I am committed to improving the quality of life of all residents of Milwaukee County with a special priority on the neighborhood we all call home.

This newsletter is a report on the work I have done on your behalf. Please read the updates on economic development and local job creation on **page 2**, more about our adopted, responsible county budget on **page 3**, our work to build partnerships in and outside of our county on **page 4**, and some of the events I have had the pleasure of attending in our district on **page 5**. Lastly, please fill out the Your Opinion Counts! form and send it to my office with any requests you have. Hope to see you soon in our neighborhood!

Sincerely,

*Marina D.*

Representing Milwaukee's near  
South Side and Bay View Neighborhoods

P.S. Once again, I am proud to continue the trend I started at the County Board in 2009 by printing my newsletter on **100% recycled paper.**

*Para los residentes que viven en el Distrito 4 que prefieren hablar Español, me gustaria recordarles que ustedes tienen una Supervisora del Condado que habla Español tambien. Mi oficina esta lista para ayudarles con cualquier servicio del Condado de Milwaukee.*

## Milwaukee County

- ▶ Chairwoman of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
- ▶ Member of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee

## Other Committees

- ▶ American Council of Young Political Leaders
- ▶ Wisconsin Council of County Board Chairs
- ▶ NACo Transportation Steering Committee
- ▶ Young Elected Officials Network

## Community Memberships

- ▶ 9 to 5, National Association of Working Women
- ▶ Association of Marquette University Women
- ▶ Bay View High School Alumni Association
- ▶ Bay View Historical Society
- ▶ Bay View Lions Club
- ▶ Bay View Neighborhood Association
- ▶ Emerge Wisconsin
- ▶ Equality Wisconsin
- ▶ Inter-Organizational Council of Bay View
- ▶ Salvation Army Advisory Board
- ▶ Sierra Club
- ▶ South Shore Park Watch
- ▶ South Side Scholarship Foundation
- ▶ South Side Business Club
- ▶ TEMPO Milwaukee



Please visit my website [www.milwaukee.gov/Dimitrijevic](http://www.milwaukee.gov/Dimitrijevic) or scan the QR code!

# Economic Development: Creating Jobs

## Showcasing Local Investments

This year, Layton Boulevard West Neighbors (LBWN) and partners put on a tour of commercial properties available for purchase in our district. The tour included a market analysis of the area and a viewing of several properties. "There are many, great opportunities to invest in our community," noted Chairwoman Dimitrijevic. "I whole-heartedly believe in the value and potential of this neighborhood." A list of available properties is maintained through LBWN at [silvercitydistrict.org/invest](http://silvercitydistrict.org/invest).

## Downtown Transit Center

The County Board unanimously recommended negotiations with Barrett Visionary Development for the possible purchase of land currently housing the Downtown Transit Center. The resolution approved by the Board:

- Stimulates the economy and could create up to 4,000 jobs by incorporating County's Park East Redevelopment Compact to provide community benefits, including employing minorities and women from Milwaukee County
- Solicits fair market value for the property
- Reinvests sale proceeds into transit services

## Park East



Chairwoman Dimitrijevic joins in at MSOE Park East groundbreaking

County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Patricia Jursik joined Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) President Dr. Hermann Viets at the May 4th groundbreaking of MSOE's Athletic Field and Parking Complex in the former Park East Corridor. Milwaukee County played the lead role in the project when the County Board unanimously approved the sale of County-owned land to MSOE.

Marina speaks with others at the LBWN Tour of Commercial Properties



Marina and LBWN Director Charlotte John-Gomez in front of the new Urban Ecology Center

## Adopted 2013 Budget aids small businesses



Chairwoman Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Stamper at the Biz Times Expo

The Adopted 2013 Budget gives a green light to the Small Business Opportunity Initiative, which was authored by Chairwoman Dimitrijevic. This initiative has several elements: a \$100,000 loan fund for small businesses; small business training at the Milwaukee County Research Park; and a micro-loan program of loans ranging between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to help anywhere from 25 to 200 small businesses.

# A Responsible County Budget

## Adopted County Budget

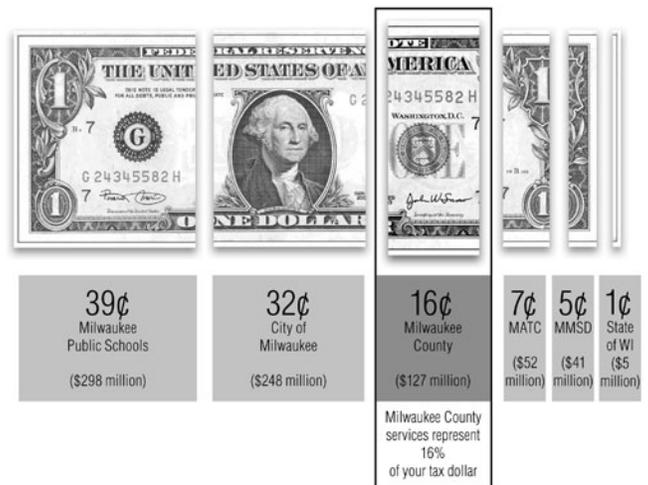
I'm proud to report that the County Board has adopted a budget that improves public safety, moves toward greater intergovernmental cooperation and strikes a more balanced approach to fiscal choices. This budget also helps the average homeowner in the City of Milwaukee, where residents will see a decrease of approximately \$19 in the County portion of their tax bill. The tax levy accompanying the Board's budget is 1.43 percent, which is below the rate of inflation. Highlights of the budget include:

- Improving 911 response times by transferring City of Milwaukee 911 calls to the Milwaukee Police Department
- Maintaining 27 deputy sheriff positions and keeping parks patrols with the Office of the Sheriff
- Strengthening support for countywide paramedic services
- Creating two new investigator positions in the Office of the District Attorney to focus on domestic violence
- Creating the Parks Amenities Matching Fund to pay for outstanding deferred maintenance without tax levy
- Building a Wellness Program to improve employee health and to drive down related costs, cutting a 1.5 percent employee wage increase and bonus program to fund flexible spending accounts

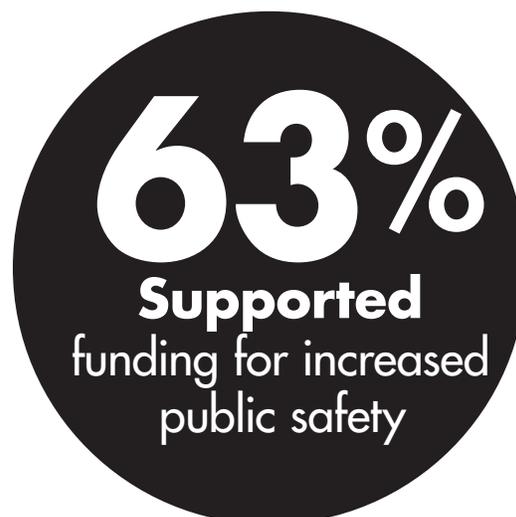
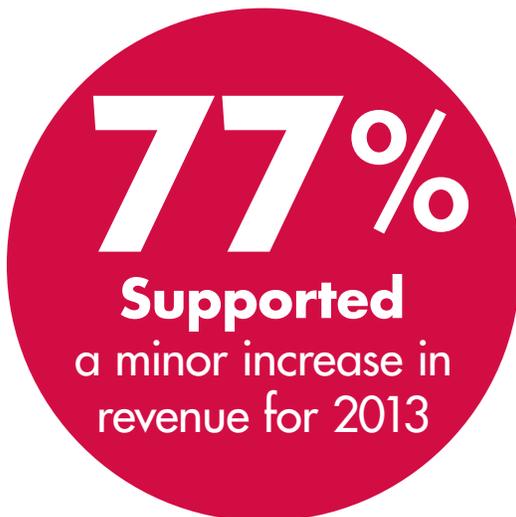
## Saving Your Money

In 2012, the County Board approved an amendment, authored by Chairwoman Dimitrijevic, to pay down future County debt and to save taxpayers more than \$400,000. Future budgets will be positively impacted by the debt pay-down, and Milwaukee County will avoid \$370,000 in future interest costs. That's an example of the Board and the independently elected County Comptroller working together to manage surplus and to make smart, fiscal choices.

## Value of Your Property Tax Dollar



**The results are in!** Recently, I reached out to constituents through the Internet and mail to ask for your thoughts and opinions about a variety of Milwaukee County matters, including the 2013 Budget. Thank you to everyone who responded! We've crunched the numbers and are excited to share some of the valuable insights we've gleaned. The Board listened to you and prioritized the services you asked for in the 2013 Adopted Budget.



# Building Partnerships

## National Appointment

The National Association of Counties (NACo) taps Chairwoman Dimitrijevic as Vice Chair of Transportation Steering Committee. NACo, the organization representing 3,068 counties, parishes and boroughs, develops and shapes the association's legislative priorities for presentation to the legislative and executive branches of the federal government.

"I'm thrilled to be able to represent Wisconsin's transportation needs on the national level through this leadership post," said Chairwoman Dimitrijevic. "Having a role in this national committee will allow me to focus even greater attention on Milwaukee County's transit needs."

## Working with Our County Executive

Chairwoman Dimitrijevic proudly attended the demonstration of water infiltrating the new, permeable parking lot at the Milwaukee County Sports Complex. "In 2007, I wrote the Green Print resolution to augment the environmental and conservation initiatives throughout Milwaukee County. This is one of the types of projects I had envisioned," said the Chairwoman.

The paver system and surrounding vegetated swales will reduce the peak-flow rate of runoff from a two-year storm by 40% and will remove 65% of the total suspended solids. Reducing the amount of these solids helps to improve water quality in the nearby Root River. For information on Milwaukee County's Green Print, visit [county.milwaukee.gov/DPW/MilwaukeeCountysGreenPrint](http://county.milwaukee.gov/DPW/MilwaukeeCountysGreenPrint).

## Connect with Milwaukee County

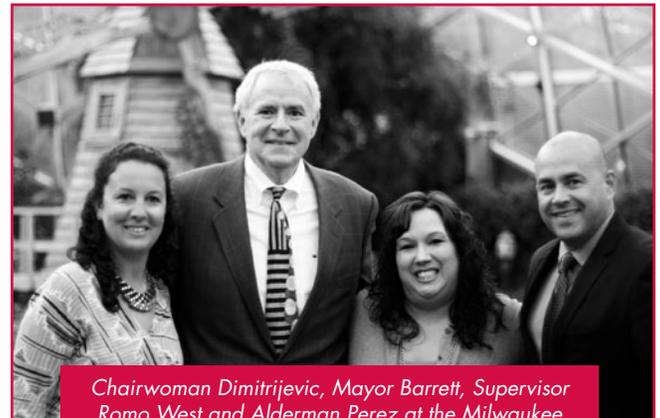
The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors has proudly launched "Connect with Milwaukee County," a resource that enables the public to watch all Board meetings in real-time online as well as to access the archive of all past meetings. "I'm proud to have authored this legislation that improves transparency as the Board conducts the important work of the people we represent," said Chairwoman Dimitrijevic. Visit it at [county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC](http://county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC).

## Chat with the Chair

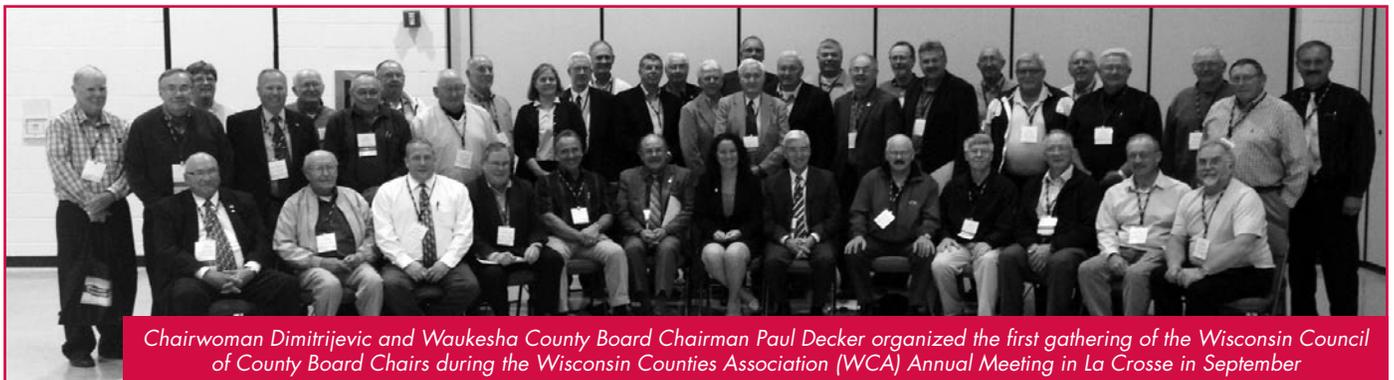
Since launching her Chat with the Chair initiative in June, Chairwoman Dimitrijevic has held about a dozen Chat events and traveled to each event by bus, totaling close to 200 miles so far. The listening tour is taking Chairwoman Dimitrijevic to every municipality of Milwaukee County so that residents can meet with her, ask questions about County government and explore ways for Milwaukee County and all its municipalities can work together even better. Visit [county.milwaukee.gov/D4/Chat-with-the-Chair](http://county.milwaukee.gov/D4/Chat-with-the-Chair).



*Parks Director Keegan, Chairwoman Dimitrijevic, Supervisors Borkowski and Taylor along with Executive Abele and MMSD Executive Director Shafer*



*Chairwoman Dimitrijevic, Mayor Barrett, Supervisor Romo West and Alderman Perez at the Milwaukee South Side Chat with the Chair at the Domes*



*Chairwoman Dimitrijevic and Waukesha County Board Chairman Paul Decker organized the first gathering of the Wisconsin Council of County Board Chairs during the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Annual Meeting in La Crosse in September*

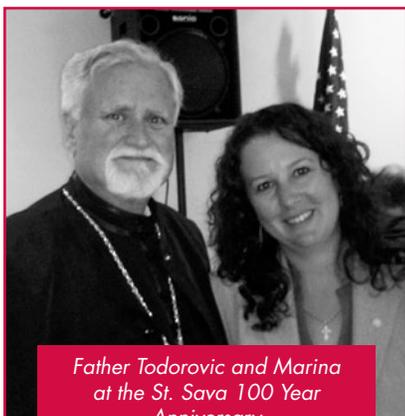
# Marina in the Community



Marina running for Chair of the County Board



Congresswoman Moore, Chairwoman Dimitrijevic, Representative Zamarripa and Supervisor Romo West at the South Side National Night Out



Father Todorovic and Marina at the St. Sava 100 Year Anniversary



Marina with Sister Joann Riesterer at the ground blessing of the new Maria Linden Senior Apartments at the School of Sisters of St. Francis



Marina presents a County citation to Nancy Tawney, President of the Bay View Historical Society



Marina, recognizes Boy Scout Troop 11 from District 4 at a County Board Meeting for their 100th year as a Troop



Chairwoman Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Haas at the Bay View Bash



Congresswoman Moore, Chairwoman Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Romo West at the Brides Walk Against Domestic Violence



Alderman Perez, Chairwoman Dimitrijevic and Representative Zamarripa at the Mexican Independence Day Celebration

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**Complimentary Admission to  
Milwaukee County residents only with  
a valid photo ID on the following days:**

**Milwaukee Art Museum**

**FREE every first Thursday of the month**

Includes all special exhibits

**Mitchell Park Domes**

**FREE every Monday from 9AM until Noon**

Excludes major holidays

**Milwaukee Public Museum**

**FREE every Monday**

Additional charges apply for the Humphrey IMAX Dome, Daniel M. Soref Planetarium & special exhibitions.

**Milwaukee County Zoo 2013**

**Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Apr 6, Nov. 2, Dec. 7 and  
Special Holidays:** Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day & New Year's Day

**Your Opinion Counts!** Detach this and mail (or send an e-mail) to:



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Name/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the items that you would like to request:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee County At a Glance Brochure | <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee Bike, On-street Bike Routes and Off Street Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> 4th District E-newsletter                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card  | <input type="checkbox"/> Bikes on Buses Brochure                                     | Your E-mail: _____  |
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