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**Committee Assignments**

**Vice-Chair**

Health and Human Needs

**Member**

Economic and Community Development

**Member**

Finance and Audit

**Supervisor West calls for audit of contract procedures**

In recent years, the County Executive has proposed contracting some County services out to private vendors. In response, Supervisor West has authored a resolution calling for an audit of professional service contract procedures. The audit can help Milwaukee County streamline its costs and could prove that, while outsourcing sometimes has benefits, it's not always cheaper. This legislation could modify current practices at Milwaukee County and make sure contracts are awarded in the best interests of Milwaukee County citizens.

**Supervisor West participates in WACEC Conference**

Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy West was one of more than 12 Wisconsin delegates in attendance at the 2007 Public Issues Leadership Development Conference in Washington D.C. She represented the Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committees, Inc. (WACEC) at the conference.



*Pictured from left to right: UW-Extension Chancellor David Wilson, Supervisor Peggy West, Congresswoman Gwen Moore and UW-Extension Milwaukee County Director Eloisa Gomez.*

Wilson and UW-Extension Milwaukee County Director Eloisa Gomez met with both Congresswoman Gwen Moore and Senator Herb Kohl.

WACEC serves as the liaison between county government and the University of Wisconsin-Extension. It is made up of members of Extension Education Committees from each of Wisconsin's 72 County Boards. WACEC provides a forum for consideration of County extension education issues.

More than 200 representatives from across the nation attended the Public Issues Leadership Development Conference, which featured presentations on topics such as alternative energies, community and food security, and youth and civic engagement. Wisconsin delegates met with their congressional representative in the House and Senate.

Supervisor West, UW-Extension Chancellor David

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*Campaign Against Violence Campaign Director Muhibb Dyer and Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm pictured with local non-violence advocates and students.*

## Night of Conscience at La Causa Charter School

Supervisor West sponsored the first “Night of Conscience” at La Causa Charter School in April. The event is part of a larger effort to reduce gun and gang violence in Milwaukee. Students in

grades five through eight held a panel discussion with local non-violence advocates/leaders in the gymnasium while parents spent time in the library receiving gang reduction education from Pastor Jose Flores of Milwaukee. Pastor Flores is a nationally-known speaker on the subject of gangs and facilitates the “First Time Juvenile Offender Program” for Milwaukee County.

The evening also featured a performance by poet and Campaign Against Violence Campaign Director Muhibb Dyer and a panel discussion with Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm, who discussed the negative effects of violence on communities and the lasting legal impact that gun offenses carry for offenders. Debra Fifer of Million Mom March, who lost her only son, Kirk, in an act of gun violence, talked about the affects of gun violence on families. Luis Pizarro, a.k.a. Little Pito, a former gang member who is now a pastor and international recording artist, shared the effects that being involved in violence have on an individual. The main objective is to teach these children the consequences of gun violence before they consider getting involved in gangs or violence. They must learn that there are real consequences.

## Student honored at May County Board Meeting

In May, Supervisor West was proud to present a citation to Maria Cardiel, a 2nd grader at Escuela Vieau, who was shot near S. 17th and W. Scott streets in August of 2006. Maria wrote a story about her experience, entitled “A Sad Thing Happened in My Life,” which placed third in a local Reading Rainbow contest sponsored by Milwaukee Public Television.



*Supervisor West with Maria Cardiel, a shooting victim who placed third in a local Reading Rainbow contest.*

## Student Government Day

Supervisor West hosted two students at the 2007 Student Government Day held on April 5 at the Milwaukee County Courthouse. Maria Pacheco, a student at Bradley Tech, and Carolina Herrera, from Messmer High School, spent a day at the Courthouse and received a behind-the-scenes tour of Milwaukee County government. The tour included the Courts, the Sheriff’s Office, the jail and sitting-in on a County Board meeting. The event was sponsored by the Milwaukee County Council of the American Legion.



*Supervisor West pictured with 2007 Student Government Day participants Carolina Herrera, from Messmer High School (left) and Maria Pacheco, from Bradley Tech (right).*

## National Night Out

On August 7th, Supervisor West and Milwaukee County Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr., in collaboration with the Southside National Night Out Committee, held the 3rd Annual South Side National Night Out Celebration in Kosciuszko Park. The free event featured a resource fair, food and entertainment. This event offered neighbors the opportunity to get to know each other, which is a proactive way to keep crime out of our neighborhoods. Pelican Cove Aquatic Center offered free admission all day and the movie “El Clown” was shown at sundown, courtesy of the International Latino Cultural Center of Chicago. The National Night Out event also promoted the community block watch program and strengthened community relations with the Sheriff’s Office and Police Department.

