



**Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors**  
Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson, 5th District

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# Chairwoman Nicholson Named a 2020 Power Broker

MILWAUKEE – The *Milwaukee Business Journal* has included County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson in its annual “[Power Brokers](#)” list for 2020. It is the first time Chairwoman Nicholson has received this distinction.

*“I am honored to be recognized by the Milwaukee Business Journal as one of their 2020 Power Brokers,” said **Chairwoman Nicholson**. “It is a privilege to be named alongside the accomplished and influential group of leaders on this list. I will continue to use my platform and what power I have as County Board Chairwoman to advance the cause of racial equity across Milwaukee County and beyond.”*

The *Milwaukee Business Journal* names a group of 100 Power Brokers in the Milwaukee area each year. The newspaper describes its list as a “compilation of the Southeastern Wisconsin business executives who get things done to improve our region.” Chairwoman Nicholson and the other Power Brokers will be featured in the *Business Journal*’s December 4 issue.

Nicholson was elected by her colleagues as Chairwoman of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors in April 2020, for the 2020-22 term. She is the first Afro-Latina to hold that office.

In 2019 Nicholson co-sponsored a resolution declaring racism a public health crisis in Milwaukee County. This was the first declaration of its kind by a city or county in the nation. Dozens of [other cities and counties](#), including Cook County (Chicago), King County (Seattle), Memphis, Minneapolis, New York City, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, have since passed similar declarations.

In addition to leading the County Board as Chairwoman, Nicholson also serves on the governing boards of the Milwaukee Public Museum, the Milwaukee Public Library, the Milwaukee Art Museum and Local Progress, a national network supporting progressive local elected officials and allied organizations. She is also the Vice President of the Milwaukee Area Service and Hospitality workers union.

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