



# MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson - District 5

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# ‘We Have Two Different Justice Systems’

## *Chairwoman Nicholson Statement on the Kyle Rittenhouse Verdict*

MILWAUKEE – Today a jury in Kenosha County found Kyle Rittenhouse [not guilty](#) on counts of first-degree intentional homicide, first-degree reckless homicide, attempted first-degree intentional homicide, and two counts of first-degree recklessly endangering safety.

Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson released the following statement on the verdict:

*“This case is just another example of the fact that we have two different justice systems in the United States. One justice system allows a white man to walk freely past police after crossing state lines with an unlawfully held semi-automatic rifle and killing two people with no consequences, while an unarmed Jacob Blake is shot 7 times and paralyzed by police with no semblance of justice.*

*“We see one justice system allowing a clearly biased judge to coddle a white man on trial for murder. The other justice system locks up [one in 36 Black adults](#) in Wisconsin and allows Black men in Wisconsin to be [28 percent more likely to be sentenced to prison](#).*

*“This case underscores the necessity of our work at Milwaukee County to achieve racial equity.”*

Nicholson was first elected in 2016. She represents several neighborhoods in Milwaukee, including the area around Washington Park, portions of the Marquette University campus, and the east side of Milwaukee.

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