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### **Treasurer Diliberti Announces Retirement**

Today Milwaukee County Treasurer Dan Diliberti announced his retirement from his position as Treasurer, effective May 12, 2014.

In ten years at the helm of the Treasurer's Office, Diliberti accrued over ten million in budget surpluses, modernized treasury services, received numerous national and local recognitions for innovations in treasury operations – including Treasury & Risk Magazine's Alexander Hamilton Award, Public Policy Forum's awards, the National Association of Counties' Courthouse Award – which earned him a reputation for improving services while reducing staffing costs in that office.

An advocate for continual quality improvements, Diliberti's motto was "change brings opportunities" and he took advantage of many opportunities presented in the fast changing banking and investment community in which he worked.

"Changes in the field of treasury services were driven by innovations in information technology that have swept the country," said Diliberti. During his term he promoted the elimination of paper checks through direct deposit; use of debit cards and electronic payments; implementation of on-line banking; on-line placement of unclaimed funds information and claims on-line; conversion to on-line delinquent tax information and payment systems; establishment of uniform county-wide tax collection software; improvements in treasurer security and fraud control; implementation of state tax refund interceptions; as well as the promotion of minority owned businesses.

"It has been an honor to serve these last ten years as treasurer," said Diliberti. "However, no one accomplishes anything alone and I'd like to thank all of our team members in the Treasurer's office and our partners both inside and outside of county government who helped us along the way.

"Milwaukee County is an exciting place to work," said Diliberti. "We are building on a foundation of great past accomplishments, like the regional Airport, the Regional Medical Center, the county-wide 911 emergency number and Paramedics system, centralized jail booking, the Federated Library System, county-wide emergency planning, nationally recognized park and bus systems, and outstanding Zoo, PAC and Museum. As recent awards from the Public Policy Forum demonstrate, there are exciting new innovations underway in many areas of county government. I am happy to have been part of a positive transformation in the Office of the Treasurer."

Diliberti has also worked throughout his 10ten year tenure as treasurer to change his position from an elected one to an appointed one, citing it as a better way to recruit and hire a qualified financial manager in the Treasurer's position. Legislation to make that change recently hit a roadblock in Madison, but Diliberti said that he hoped that it will be reintroduced next legislative session.

In his previous service as a county supervisor, Diliberti was a known as a strong supporter of parks (chairing several parks task forces), a backer of a regional transit authority, and as an advocate for strengthening the Milwaukee County ethics code. He authored legislation to televise county board meetings, register lobbyists, ban pay-to-play campaign donations and establish the Milwaukee County fraud and abuse Hotline. The Hotline initiative alone has been reported as saving the county millions of dollars. Prior to serving on the Board, he held the position of county fiscal analyst.

In addition to his county service, Diliberti's career included heading a non-profit community center and serving in tenured faculty and academic staff positions at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

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