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## **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

- Passionate advocate for working families and marginalized communities with a record of authoring and implementing policies centered on justice
  - Experienced organizer and strategist with extensive experience in public policy, program management, teaching and facilitation, coalition-building, and nonprofit leadership
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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Milwaukee Common Council  
*Alderswoman, District 14*

April 2020 - Present

- Represent 38,000 residents in the Milwaukee Bay View and Southside neighborhoods
- Serve as the Chairwoman of the Finance and Personnel Committee, which provides legislative oversight for the city budget process and all financial matters
- Advance community priorities through city legislation including:
  - Sponsoring and championing the City's Climate Equity Plan which involves diverse external stakeholder engagement
  - Sponsoring successful legislation for Milwaukee's first paid parental leave program in a coalition with 9-5 Association of Working Women
  - Directing over \$7 million in federal funds to our new early childcare program partnering with multiple nonprofits
  - Sponsoring successful legislation which requires newly purchased city fleet to be electric or hybrid to reduce fossil fuel use
- "Best Alderperson in Milwaukee", Shepherd Express readers, 2021, 2022

Marquette University  
*Visiting Assistant Professor*

August 2016 - Present

- Developed and implemented course curriculum, hosted guest speakers, and facilitated semester-long project
  - Public Service (6250-701): Governmental Nonprofit Relations, Graduate Level - designed new course to highlight unique relationship and stakeholder engagement between nonprofits and government with a focus on government funding, performance measurement, social innovation, and collaborative leadership
  - Public Service (6540-701): Revenue Generation and Development, Graduate Level - designed new course to provide students with technical fundraising and project management skills needed to achieve their own mission-driven targets within a nonprofit setting

Milwaukee County Board  
*Supervisor, District 4*

April 2004 - April 2020

- Represented 50,000 people on Milwaukee's Bay View and Southside neighborhoods
- Elected to serve as County Board Chairwoman, providing legislative leadership during the 2012-2016 term; second woman and youngest person to ever serve in position
  - Managed department's \$3.5 million budget and diverse staff of 30 employees
  - Cultivated trusted, effective relationships with elected officials, staff, labor, and community stakeholders to create coalitions focused on positive policy outcomes
  - Provided oversight of strategic plan for the annual adoption of Milwaukee County's \$1 billion budget
  - Facilitated public meetings in the community as well as monthly board meetings
  - Developed new partnerships with Marquette University, UW-Milwaukee, and MATC to create department's first internship program at the County Board
  - Expanded statewide relationships and networks as founder and Co-Chair of the Wisconsin Council of County Board Chairs in the Wisconsin Counties Association
  - Coordinated communication strategy that included print, radio, television media relations, social media, mass email communications, and speaking engagements
  - Visited all 19 municipalities in Milwaukee County by bus to host town hall meetings while highlighting the importance of public transportation
- Authored public policy efforts to improve quality of life in Milwaukee County:
  - \$10 million in additional funding for deferred maintenance in county parks
  - Elimination of single use and forever plastics
  - Installation of the state's largest solar farm located at the Milwaukee Mitchell Airport
  - Domestic partnership benefits for all county employees
  - GO Passes for seniors and people with disabilities providing free bus rides
  - Milwaukee County's Environmental Sustainability Plan-Greenprint

- Nondiscrimination ordinance
- Inclusive Housing Fund

Wisconsin Working Families Party  
*Wisconsin State Director*

August 2015 - August 2019

- Established the comprehensive organizational priorities for the state and executing effective strategies and tactics to advance the mission of Wisconsin Working Families
- Created and implemented a strategic plan for the organization
- Developed and staffed a local board of key institutional partners to guide priorities
- Secured legislative victories at the local and state level while building a political network that expands coalitions with local and state progressive organizations, identifying and mobilizing concerned citizens, and reaching out to new constituencies to expand the organization's base of support
- Generated media attention and built public awareness to leverage community engagement of Working Families' initiatives and campaigns, directed fundraising efforts: designed and implemented a robust fundraising plan which includes seeking both 501c3 and 504c4 funds
- Developed and managed a statewide budget; responsible for personnel systems including hiring, supervising, and training of employees and managing the growing team
- Communicated frequently with the national Working Families Party organization, attended retreats, and maintained alignment of state and national goals

## **EDUCATION**

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
 Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management  
 Masters of Nonprofit Management and Leadership

- Completed graduate coursework in public administration, business management, fundraising, organizational behavior, and nonprofit management (December 2015)
- Presented final thesis at the Midwest Public Affairs Conference: "The Feminization of the Nonprofit Sector" (July 2015 at UW-Milwaukee)
- Graduated Summa Cum Laude with 3.9 GPA

Marquette University  
 Milwaukee, WI  
 Bachelor of Arts and Science, Degrees in Political Science and Spanish

- Graduated with honors (2003)
- Studied at the Les Aspin Center for Government in Washington D.C. (Fall 2002)
- Attended Democracy in Africa, traveling to the Vatican and Kenya with the Les Aspin Center for Government (2002)
- Studied abroad at the University of Madrid, Spain (Spring 2001)