



Wisconsin Department of Corrections

Governor Tony Evers | Secretary Kevin A. Carr

City of Milwaukee Common Council
City Hall
200 E. Wells Street
Room 205 Milwaukee, WI 53202

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Dear Honorable Members of the City of Milwaukee Common Council,

I am writing with the utmost confidence to support the appointment of Makda Fessahaye to serve as the Department of Employee Relations Director for the City of Milwaukee.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Makda for the last two years when I appointed her as the Administrator for the Department of Corrections Division of Adult Institutions. Since that time, I have observed Makda's leadership skills, strong work ethic, and tireless efforts in serving the citizens of the State of Wisconsin. I have found her to be competent, open-minded, positive, and skillful in building and maintaining relationships. She has led the Division of Adult Institutions with passion, vision, integrity, inclusivity and fairness and has successfully furthered the administration's prison reform goals and the overall mission and values of the Department. She is a dedicated public servant, and regularly uses her human resources, legal, and public relations experience to serve the Department of Corrections. She is a trusted advisor, colleague, and leader and will undoubtedly provide the City of Milwaukee with the expertise it requires to further its human resources and personnel efforts. I am confident she will continue to lead the City of Milwaukee in the manner in which she led the Division of Adult Institutions.

Makda's temperament, breadth of knowledge, fair-minded approach and commitment to public service makes her an excellent selection to serve the City of Milwaukee as the Department of Employee Relations Director. I give Makda my highest recommendation possible.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Carr

Secretary

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