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April 29, 2002

Alderman Michael S. D'Amato, Chairman
Judiciary and Legislation Committee
City of Milwaukee - City Hall
200 E. Wells St., Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: Municipal Court Judge Vacancy

Dear Alderman D'Amato:

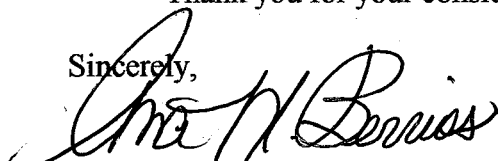
By this letter I am submitting my name as a candidate for the currently vacant municipal judge position for the city of Milwaukee. Enclosed is a copy of my resume for your review. It states my educational and professional qualifications, which qualify me for this position. Presently, I am an Assistant Family Court Commissioner for Milwaukee County. I preside over many cases daily, make decisions, write opinions, and judge people based on the facts.

Milwaukee is my home. As a past resident of the south side and as a current resident of the north side of our city, judging our citizens, my "neighbors," based on a principle of "fairness and equality" takes on additional significance. My diverse legal experience and social/cultural background enable me to understand various legal issues which impact upon the citizens of our city. Also my education, knowledge, profession and experiences have enhanced my sensitivity to the bench as I preside in family court.

While the legal profession continues to make strides in the number of minorities and women entering the field, it continues to battle the perception of "unfairness and inequality" of treatment. As an Assistant Family Court Commissioner and hopefully as a Municipal Court Judge, I am able to use all of my experiences in dispensing justice in a just, fair, and equitable way. Those of us in the judiciary must continue to build a legal, moral, and pragmatic case for justice in our courtrooms. I believe that I am your best-qualified candidate for the municipal judge vacancy based on my experiences.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,


Ana M. Berrios

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OBJECTIVE

Continue the practice of law or law related career. Experience in the fields of divorce, paternity, child support, domestic violence (civil temporary restraining orders and civil injunction hearings), traffic (criminal and civil), real estate, estate planning, small claims, criminal (misdemeanors), and general firm administration.

WORK EXPERIENCE

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Assistant Family Court Commissioner – Evaluate and make decisions on various types of family law cases, i.e., pre and post-divorce, paternity, child support and domestic violence; conduct appropriate legal research and other duties as may be assigned.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT 02/99 – 11/01
Milwaukee, WI

Attorney at Law – Respond to, evaluate, and take appropriate actions on requests for child support services from the courts, other agencies, and case participants; to obtain information for court cases using computer resources and civil discovery; to appear and represent the state in paternity and child support actions; to present evidence and make oral argument before the circuit court and family court commissioners; conduct appropriate legal research, and conduct other duties as may be assigned.

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL 01/99 – 05/99
Milwaukee, WI

Associate Adjunct Professor – Responsible for teaching a one semester course on the principles of Starting and Managing A Law Practice.

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Associate Adjunct Professor– Liberal Arts & Sciences, Sociology Department, Social Psychology.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE 08/96 – 05/97
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FROM: Walter Sava *WS*

RE: Appointment of Ana Berrios

DATE: May 1, 2002

I am writing this letter in support of Attorney Ana Berrios for the position of Municipal Judge.

I have known Ana for about seven years. I have had the privilege of working with Ana on various projects and have been very impressed by her professionalism, intelligence, and common sense. I am honored to write this letter for an individual that I highly regard and respect. She has the preparation and the experiences that exemplify "judicial temperament" and would be a wonderful asset to the City of Milwaukee.

The Hispanic community and the community at large will be well served with Ana's appointment and I urge you to do everything you can to appoint Attorney Berrios to become Municipal Judge.

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member – American Bar Association

Member – State Bar of Wisconsin Women in the Bar Committee

Member/Producer – State Bar of Wisconsin Bar Leaders Conference

Past Member – State Bar of Wisconsin Diversity Outreach Committee

Member/President-Elect – Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association (WHLA)

Member – Women Lawyers Association (WLA)

Member – Leander J. Foley Matrimonial Inns of Court

Member – Association of Family Court Commissioner's

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Board Member – La Causa, Inc.

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Member – Latinos United for Political Action (LUPA)

SKILLS/LANGUAGES

Spanish (Verbal/Written)