

Alderman Bohl's Biography

Jim Bohl has served the residents of the 5th Aldermanic District for the past 13+ years and is in his fourth full term as 5th District Alderman following his re-election in April 2012.

Alderman Bohl, 42, is a native of Milwaukee's northwest side. He graduated from Milwaukee's Madison High School in 1989, before earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Marquette University in 1993 and 1996.

Alderman Bohl serves as Chair of the Common Council's Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee, along with the Public Safety, Public Works and Skywalk Design Committees. Because of his standing as chair, he is also a member of the Steering and Rules Committee. Previously, Alderman Bohl was a member on the board of VISIT Milwaukee, and serviced as the board Vice-President of the Milwaukee Survive Alive Foundation.

Alderman Bohl is consistently recognized for his efforts to lead the Council as a budget hawk and taxpayer advocate. Alderman Bohl has also been a strong fighter for efforts that promote the safety and welfare of his constituents and Milwaukee residents. He has consistently fought to put more police on the streets and led the police department's recent efforts to realign police districts, allowing for greater police responsiveness in the 5th District. Alderman Bohl has also taken the lead to create a comprehensive plan to address improving road conditions in the city.

Alderman Bohl is firmly dedicated to Milwaukee neighborhoods. He organized his neighborhood's block watch group and served many years as its leader. He also wrote the city's "Neighborhood Association Tool Kit" and "Senior Guide" and has fought to keep neighborhoods safe by authoring legislation to restrict payday loan stores and slowing the proliferation of extended hour businesses.

Alderman Bohl enjoys serving as role model to Milwaukee's youth, and has served as a confirmation instructor, Sunday school teacher and teen mentor. In his spare time, Alderman Bohl enjoys reading biographies, playing and watching sports and spending time with his family.

District homeowners for 18 years, Alderman Bohl and his wife, Calleen, have three daughters. They are active members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Prior to his election to office in April of 2000, Alderman Bohl taught at Madison University High School in Milwaukee and served as an aide to then-Milwaukee Congressman Tom Barrett.