



January 6, 2021

Jim Owczarski, City Clerk  
200 E. Wells Street, Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Mr. Owczarski,

I am writing with an enthusiastic recommendation of Makda Fessahaye as Director of Employee Relations for the City of Milwaukee. I was extremely pleased to hear of her appointment by Mayor Tom Barrett this past month.

I have known Ms. Fessahaye for about twelve years through my past work as Director for Intercultural Ministries for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Upon meeting Ms. Fessahaye, I was impressed by her character as a thoughtful, insightful individual with great wisdom. My interactions with her over the years have only confirmed that initial impression. Her concern for others has always led her to be of service – whether offering pro-bono services to assist refugee families, reaching out to high school students at risk of suspension, or mentoring youth.

I believe her legal background, professional experience, strong values and record of volunteer service, as well as her knowledge of the City of Milwaukee have prepared her well for the position.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further information. I am working from home these days, email is the best way to reach me at [diaze@archmil.org](mailto:diaze@archmil.org).

Sincerely yours,

Eva J. Díaz  
Director, Hispanic Ministry Office  
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