

**Leonhardt, Ronald**

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**From:** Stacey Herzing [staceyherzing@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 23, 2008 6:05 PM  
**To:** Leonhardt, Ronald  
**Subject:** Equal Rights Commission - Ray Vahey

Dear Mr. Ronald Leonhardt-

Mayor Barrett has nominated Ray Vahey for the Equal Rights Commission. I am writing you to please urge the City Council to confirm Mr. Vahey's appointment.

Mr. Vahey has been a long-standing advocate for the LGBT community in Milwaukee, and he is very familiar with the specific issues our community faces. He is also very committed to addressing and effectively meeting the challenges these issues present.

As a member of the Board of Directors for Center Advocates, I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Vahey on a number of LGBT issues. His leadership and many contributions are integral to the planning and effectiveness of the Center Advocates.

For the reasons I have outlined above, I believe Mr. Vahey would be a valuable and needed addition to the Equal Rights Commission, and I highly encourage the City Council to appoint him.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this.

Sincerely,  
Stacey Herzing

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Milwaukee, WI 53217  
414-962-8098

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**From:** Paul Mandel [pdmandel@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 19, 2008 8:27 AM  
**To:** Leonhardt, Ronald  
**Subject:** urging confirmation of Ray Vahey

Dear Mr Leonhardt.

We think Mr Vahey would be a strong and dedicated addition to the Equal Rights Commission and urge his confirmation. he will serve our community with intelligence and vigor.

Sincerely,  
Jane & Paul Mandel  
3013 N. Summit Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53211

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**From:** Josie Osborne [osbornejosie@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 18, 2008 9:56 PM  
**To:** Leonhardt, Ronald  
**Cc:** ray\_vahey@wi.rr.com  
**Subject:** Ray Vahey

Dear Mr Leonhardt,

I urge the Common Council to approve Ray Vahey's nomination by Mayor Barrett to the Equal Rights Commission. Ray has been an outstanding advocate for equal rights for all citizens of the City of Milwaukee. He is hard working, knowledgeable, fair minded and an outstanding citizen and citizen advocate. The City of Milwaukee would be lucky to have him serve.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about this recommendation. I have been a longtime member of the City of Milwaukee Arts Board.

Thank you,

Josie Osborne

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**From:** Kimberly J Cosier [kcosier@uwm.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 18, 2008 9:41 PM  
**To:** Leonhardt, Ronald  
**Subject:** in support of Ray Vahey

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

Please accept this note of support for the nomination of Raymond Vahey for the Equal Rights Commission.

I urge the council to confirm Mayor Barrett's nomination of Mr. Vahey to the Equal Rights Commission because he is a very strong advocate for the rights of all people. Ray has come to this activism later in life than some, having spent his earlier years in the business world, but he has been making up for lost time with a dedication and enthusiasm that is inspiring to all who meet him. Ray will be a champion of all of citizens in our city's effort to heal its wounds of oppression.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Dr. Kimberly Cosier

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**From:** Susan Schrager [askus@schragerauction.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 18, 2008 3:22 PM  
**To:** Leonhardt, Ronald  
**Subject:** Ray Vahey

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

Mr. Ray Vahey would be an asset to the Equal Rights Commission. He is an eloquent gentleman, devoted to his cause and a good listener. We are honored to know him.

Sincerely,  
Adolph & Susan Schrager

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**From:** kherson@infinityhealthcare.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 18, 2008 2:05 PM  
**To:** Leonhardt, Ronald  
**Subject:** Re: Mr. Ray Vahey

December 18, 2008

Dear Mr. Leonhardt,

I am writing to strongly endorse Mr. ray Vahey for the city's commission for human rights. I have know Mr. Vahey for the past few years. He is articulate, both passionate and level headed, intelligent, very hard working and a man of his word.

He is clearly an excellent choice.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Kathryn J. Herson  
2738 N. Summit Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53211

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**From:** Thallis [thallis@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 18, 2008 1:43 PM  
**To:** Leonhardt, Ronald  
**Subject:** Equal Rights Commission

Dear members of the Common Council,

Ray Vahey is a great candidate for Milwaukee's Equal Rights Commission. He would serve it well. I hope you all concur and will confirm his nomination!

Thallis Hoyt Drake  
3055 N Gordon Circle  
Milwaukee WI 53212

P.S. Congratulations on the completion of the restoration of our beautiful City Hall !!

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**From:** Suzanne Blum [sblum@shorewest.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 18, 2008 12:51 PM  
**To:** Leonhardt, Ronald  
**Subject:** Ray Vahey

Dear City Council;

Please consider the appointment of Mr. Ray Vahey to the Equal Rights Commisision. A more deserving soul, I cannot think of. He has embraced the city of Milwaukee, as few, born in Milwaukeeans have. Knowing him, and being in his company, is an honor beyond words. He is truly a very caring, a sensitive, and an intelligent human being.

Having lived in the city of Milwaukee for the past 46 years, I cannot think of anyone else to refer for this position. He is a man that will work very hard for all of us, and will not disappoint us. Thank you for the consideration.

Sincerely,  
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ASSISTANT MINORITY LEADER  
WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY

December 18, 2008

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt  
Clerk, City of Milwaukee  
City Hall, Room 205  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear City Clerk Leonhardt,

I am writing to voice my support for Mayor Tom Barrett's appointment of Mr. Ray Vahey to the Equal Rights Commission.

I have known Mr. Vahey for many years and am confident that he would serve on the Equal Rights Commission with dignity and honor. He is a longtime community activist who cares deeply about ensuring that all citizens are treated fairly. Throughout the years Mr. Vahey has not only earned the respect of those who support his causes but those who have worked against him. His positive outlook and demeanor have helped him be able to disagree without being disagreeable.

It is an honor to recommend Mr. Vahey for this appointment. He will be a valuable addition to the Equal Rights Commission. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about my recommendation or if you need additional information.

Thank you for considering my input.

Sincerely,

Representative Jon Richards  
19<sup>th</sup> Assembly District