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**Date:** July 20, 2019 at 3:45:02 PM CDT

**To:** [ALD05@miwaukee.gov](mailto:ALD05@miwaukee.gov)

**Cc:** Griselda Aldrete <[griselda.aldrete@gmail.com](mailto:griselda.aldrete@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** Letter of support for Griselda Aldrete

Dear Elected Official,

Please consider this as a letter of strong support for Griselda Aldrete's nomination for the Executive Director position for the Fire and Police Commission.

In these polarized times, where we see too often Milwaukee listed as the most segregated city in the country, we must make sure the individuals we put in significant positions are unifiers.

That is Griselda. I have worked with her since she joined HPGM in 2012. As then publisher of the Milwaukee Business Journal, I felt it crucial that the corporate community be part of the solution of our racial divide.

Later, during which time I co-chaired Mosaic Milwaukee, I continually was drawn to work with HPGM on its programs, awards (as a judge), events and more.

My work with HPGM continues, and the reason is Griselda, her staff and their commitment to unification with all groups in Milwaukee, not just the Hispanic community.

Please help make Milwaukee a better place and join me in supporting Griselda.

Yours

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**From:** Vincent Lyles <[vlyles50@gmail.com](mailto:vlyles50@gmail.com)>

**Date:** July 15, 2019 at 5:13:18 PM CDT

**To:** [ahamil@milwaukee.gov](mailto:ahamil@milwaukee.gov)

**Subject:** Support of Griselda Aldrete

Dear Ashanti,

I am writing to express my support for Griselda Aldrete as the next Executive Director of the Police & Fire Commission. You know as well as anyone know how challenging it is to be a servant leader. As a servant leader you are pulled in various directions and without a personal compass of integrity you can wind up being blown around in a hurricane.

I have known Griselda for nearly ten years. She is the epitome of a servant leader. She has dedicated her life to be in the service of others. Besides her outstanding leadership of the Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee, she served as the lead staff person for the Cream City Foundation and worked at UMOS for a number of years. You should also know her service didn't just stop or start during the work day, she has dedicated her time, treasures and talents to many worthy causes such 88.9 Radio Milwaukee and St. Joan Antida High School. You should know Griselda has been a consistent champion for the underserved and has spoken out in various settings against the injustices that have occurred locally and nationally to people who are oftentimes marginalized.

Griselda's decision to become the next Executive Director of the Police & Fire Commission came after much deliberation. She could have easily stayed at HPGM and continued to build that organization. But as someone who loves Milwaukee and wants to help make it better, she is stepping forward. She is stepping up at a time when seriousness is needed, vision is required and a willingness to change the way the Police & Fire departments interact with some of Milwaukee's residents. Griselda has what it takes, besides her intellect and passion, her integrity compass points north and she will work extremely hard to be the best Executive Director the City has ever had. I hope you and the Council will give her the opportunity to serve and to further her commitment to this community.

Sincerely

Vincent P. Lyles

...Everything we have and everything we do is connected to other people...

July 11, 2019

Common Council Representative Cavalier Johnson (Cavalier.Johnson2@milwaukee.gov)

Re: Nomination of Griselda Aldrete as Executive Director of the Fire and Police Commission for the City of Milwaukee

Dear Alderman Johnson:

I trust you and your family are continuing to do well. I am writing you today to express my full support for the nomination of Griselda Aldrete as the next Executive Director of the Fire and Police Commission for the City of Milwaukee. I have had the pleasure of working with Mrs. Aldrete over the last several years here in Milwaukee. It is uncontroverted that through her work she has earned a reputation of leadership, integrity, quality, service, equity, fairness and inclusivity.

I have primarily partnered with Mrs. Aldrete regarding fostering access to the multitude of diverse talent in our community, as well as exposing diverse talent to professional growth and development opportunities. On all accounts, I have greatly benefited from my association and engagement with Mrs. Aldrete. In my interactions with her via my role as the Chief Diversity Officer at Johnson Controls, I have found Mrs. Aldrete to be a champion for professional development and capacity building for our diverse and traditionally underrepresented talent throughout our city.

I am confident that she will be able to draw from her wide array of experiences to effectively lead the Fire and Police Commission. Additionally, I am confident that her ability to build bridges and close gaps will serve the city well as it continues to deal with the complexities of serving the varied demographics represented in Milwaukee. For these reasons, I urge you to avoid further reservations and/or hesitation regarding Mrs. Aldrete's nomination. I fully support and endorse Mrs. Aldrete and encourage you to do the same. Sometimes it takes new people to solve old issues. I believe Mrs. Aldrete will be extremely impactful in this role and an asset to the citizens of Milwaukee. Please do not hesitate to let me know should you have any questions of me regarding this recommendation.

Best Regards,

Grady L. Crosby, Esq.

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July 15, 2019

District 1 Alderman & Council President  
Ashanti Hamilton  
City Hall  
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Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Council President Hamilton:

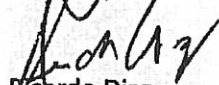
It is a privilege to write a letter in support of Griselda Aldrete's nomination for Executive Director of Milwaukee's Fire and Police Commission. I have known Griselda for more than 15 years and appreciate all that she has done to help keep younger professionals engaged in the city of Milwaukee and help them rise to valuable leadership positions.

Griselda's past work as the Executive Director of Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee (HPGM), was outstanding as she brought this organization to new prominence and significance in Milwaukee. She was instrumental in helping grow leadership among Hispanic Professionals and helping many of the members grow professionally. She has lead this organization in helping to redefine their mission, and has worked collaboratively with many organizations and businesses throughout Milwaukee, including a new focus to get more young people engaged in many aspects of Milwaukee's growth. Her work has shown vision and dedication to Milwaukee's future as a community of diverse and talented leaders.

I have worked with Griselda through the years and have seen her develop as a leader and person of influence in this community. Most importantly, she is using her influence and position to improve the future of Hispanics in Milwaukee, and ultimately make Milwaukee a stronger community. Her extensive education and experience in a large variety of roles and settings provides her with the necessary background for this position. I am confident she has the skills and personality to work through challenges, create common ground and build a positive image of the amazing work being done in Milwaukee by the Fire and Police commission.

Thank you for your consideration of her nomination. I cannot think of a more qualified candidate.

Sincerely,

  
Ricardo Diaz  
Executive Director

CC: Mayor Tom Barrett  
Common Council Members