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**Highlights of Qualifications**

- Former Wisconsin State Assembly Representative (14 yrs.), Assistant Majority Leader (4 yrs.)
- Extensive grassroots political organizing and coalition-building to accomplish public policy objectives.
- Skilled legislative strategist, both as an advocate and legislator.
- Skilled non-profit executive with over 20 years of management and supervisory experience in several non-profit and governmental organizations.
- Excellent leadership skills.

**Professional Accomplishments**

- Appointed by the President Clinton as Midwest Regional Administrator of the Small Business Administration. Supervised 240 employees with 7 offices.
- Served 14 years as a Wisconsin State Assembly Representative. Elected by colleagues as first woman Assistant Majority Leader. Secured passage of legislation in areas of UW tenure discrimination, school drop-out prevention, urban education, women's health, contracting requirements for women and minority owned businesses, sexual harassment and employment discrimination, welfare reform, and funding for homeless shelters, sexual assault treatment centers, revolving loan fund for WWBIC, small business enterprise center.



unique community  
prosecution, restorative justice,  
neighborhood mobilization and youth  
leadership engagement strategies to  
enhance public safety initiatives.

2001 Fellow, St. Charles Youth and Family  
Services, Milwaukee, WI  
Created relationships with government  
agencies and elected officials.

1999-2000 Midwest Regional Administrator, U.S.  
Small Business  
Administration, Chicago, IL Presidential  
Appointee Managed  
work of 7 district offices in 6 states.  
Conducted strategic planning, and promoted  
SBA's New Markets Lending goals thru  
collaboration with lenders, members of  
Congress, chambers of commerce, business  
associations, and advocacy groups to address  
barriers to use of SBA programs by low  
income persons.

1985-1998 State Assembly Representative,  
Wisconsin State Legislature  
Elected by Assembly members as  
Wisconsin's first woman  
Assistant Majority Leader. Extensive  
work on legislation related to  
progressive public policy. Researched model  
legislation, best practices. Set policy goals,  
developed media messages, mentored  
members and managed Assembly floor  
action.

1979-1984 Executive Director, Hunger Task  
Force of Milwaukee  
(Previously, 1976-1978 Coalition  
Coordinator) Created coalition and executed  
strategy to bring the federal school breakfast  
program to the Milwaukee Public Schools,  
created a nationally recognized food stamp  
outreach program. Established agency's  
strategic plan and goals, communicated with

elected officials, oversaw all media contacts, organized massive community coalitions to successfully advocate public policy issues.

1975-1976 Social Worker, Project Involve for the Elderly, Milwaukee, WI.

1971-1973 Field organizer, researcher and paralegal: Greater Upstate Law Project, Rochester, NY. And VISTA Volunteer, Wayne County, New York.

### Recent Volunteer Efforts

Milwaukee County League of Women Voters: Co-Chaired committee on police reform; publishing a report and analysis of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission; provided training to members on state legislative advocacy.

### Education

M.S.W. University of Michigan, Social planning and Community Organizing

B.A. Beloit College, Beloit, WI, International Relations