



October 27, 2025

Honorable Common Council Members
City Hall
200 East Wells Street, Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

President Perez, Chairwoman Dimitrijevic, and Common Council Members,

I am writing today to log Milwaukee Harbor District's support for Benji Timm's appointment as Municipal Port Director.

HDI's mission is to lead the revitalization of Milwaukee Harbor District by connecting people to places, supporting a healthy business community, and enhancing the natural environment. Benji has a proven history as a trusted community partner, supporting businesses in our District, and serving as a leader and advocate for the Milwaukee Estuary Area of Concern initiative.

Benji has worked directly with our team on a wide range of activities, including the Grand Trunk Wetland habitat restoration, dock wall management, public space management, and railroad matters. His knowledge of and dedication to City government, layered with his experience managing contracts and negotiations, will benefit the Port and our community.

Port Milwaukee has had several talented leaders, and we know that the leadership must understand how government, community partners, and the business community can come together to achieve great things at the Port for the City. Benji has shown this ability through his work across the city. We look forward to maintaining our relationship with the Port in partnership with Benji as we collaborate to improve the Harbor District and the City of Milwaukee.

I appreciate your consideration for his nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tia Torhorst".

Tia Torhorst
CEO
Milwaukee Harbor District