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Subject: Tax Commissioner Reappointment

Dear Alderman Hamilton,

I recently retired after spending 47 years as a Wisconsin tax assessor, almost 40 years of it as an assessor for the City of Brookfield. I also served approximately 10 years as Assessor Chair on the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Assessor Advisory Committee. I have known Steve Miner his entire assessment career working with him on various committees and serving as officers in the same assessment organizations. There is no one I could give a higher recommendation to for being City of Milwaukee Tax Commissioner. Steve is exceedingly knowledgeable in Wisconsin assessment process and practices. He has proven to be dedicated, hard working, motivated, public relations oriented and even tempered in whatever he undertakes. From my years of meeting assessors in Wisconsin and in other states, I do not know anyone more qualified to be Milwaukee Tax Commissioner.

If Milwaukee goes a different direction with this appointment I am most concerned with Milwaukee not being able to find a candidate as qualified. I know Steve has worked tirelessly to maintain fair and equitable assessments in Milwaukee according to what is allowed under Wisconsin State Statutes. Assessors can only follow the law, court decisions, and what analysis of the real estate market tells them about property values. Assessors are not always able to make decisions that are popular and can only strive to make sure all taxpayers are paying their fair share of the tax burden.

Sincerely,

Robert Lorier