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March 24, 2026

Dear Members of the Milwaukee Common Council,

Please accept and file on record this letter as my formal letter of support for the appointment of Karin Tyler as Director of the Department of Community Wellness and Safety.

I have known Karin Tyler in a variety of capacities for many years. In addition to being a personal friend, we have been colleagues at the Milwaukee Health Department. I have

had the privilege of working alongside Karin and witnessing her growth as a leader over the years. Throughout that time, I have seen her consistently rise to meet challenges with integrity, focus, and an unwavering commitment to the communities she serves. She has not only developed professionally, but has also emerged as a leader who understands both the operational and human sides of this work.

What sets Karin apart is her ability to lead with both strength, purpose and integrity. After experiencing the unimaginable loss of her son to gun violence, she made the courageous decision to channel that grief into meaningful action. Rather than stepping away, she leaned into this work with a deep sense of responsibility to ensure that other families do not have to experience the same pain.

That lived experience is not just part of her story, it is part of her leadership. It informs how she approaches violence prevention, how she engages with families, and how she makes decisions that center healing, accountability, and long-term impact.

I have *personally* witnessed her dedication, her ability to navigate complex systems, and her commitment to bringing people together to move this work forward. She understands that real change requires collaboration, trust, and consistency, and she shows up with those values every day.

Karin Tyler is *more* than qualified to lead the Department of Community Wellness and Safety. She brings experience, vision, and a level of commitment that cannot be taught. Milwaukee would be well served by her leadership. I highly recommend Karin for this position and respectfully urge the Common Council to support her appointment.

Sincerely,
Daphne Prater



Karin Tyler

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