



January 13, 2009

Office of the City Clerk
c/o Linda Elmer
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Ms. Elmer:

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Douglas M. Jansson

I am writing to indicate my strong support for the appointment of Genyne Edwards, Esq. to serve on the newly reestablished Equal Rights Commission. Ms. Edwards is a consultant to the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and in this capacity has served as the Program Director for the Foundation's Mosaic Partnerships program for the past three years. Mosaic recruits each year roughly 200 community leaders, half of whom are leaders of color. The intent of the program is to build interracial understanding and friendships. In no small part because of the skill she has demonstrated in managing the program and the strong positive feedback we have received from participants in the program, we expect to continue the program for at least three more years.

Through her management of the Mosaic program I have witnessed first hand her passion for equal rights and her talent in working with the diverse leadership in this community. When you combine these qualities with her law degree, her deep knowledge of Milwaukee, her extensive leadership experience and the respect in which she is held by everyone who has worked with her, I can think of no person who is better qualified to serve on the Equal Rights Commission. I very much hope she will be appointed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas Jansson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Douglas Jansson
President