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EXPERIENCE

APRIL 2008 – PRESENT

ALDERMAN 3RD DISTRICT, CITY OF MILWAUKEE

- Represent East Side, North Downtown, Riverwest on the Milwaukee Common Council
- Lead sponsor of the Milwaukee River Greenway ordinances in 2009 & 2014
- Legislatively created the East North Avenue Architectural Review Board, which raised design standards for buildings and signage, while also legislatively creating a new zoning category (Local Business 3) to allow for more density in a business district
- Trustee of the Library Board, Chair of the Arts Board, Co-Chair of the City County Task Force on Climate Change and Economic Equity, Chair of the East North Avenue Architectural Review Board, Member and Treasurer of Milwaukee County Federated Library System (MCFLS) and Chair of the MCFLS Finance and Personnel Committee, Chair of the Information Management Committee, Member of the Community Intervention Task Force, the Lakefront Development Advisory Commission, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; Regional Transportation System Planning Advisory Committee

April 2008 – 2016 & 2020 - present

MEMBER OF THE FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, CITY OF MILWAUKEE

- Vice Chair from 2012-14, Chair from 2014-16
- Introduced budget amendment in 2008 that expanded the stormwater fee to fund tree pruning, which created a more fiscally sustainable revenue stream to allow core city services to continue
- Co-sponsor in 2014 of budget amendment that created the Trauma Informed Care partnership between the Milwaukee Police Department and Milwaukee County trauma specialists, which has since expanded into multiple police districts
- Co-sponsor in 2015 of a budget amendment to partially fund the return of Drivers' Education into Milwaukee Public Schools, an initiative that has since expanded with MPS and philanthropic money and no longer relies on City funding
- Member, Vice-Chair, and Chair of the Capital Improvements Committee, which annually reviews each department's capital budget line by line through the lens of the six year capital plan, and then issues recommendations to the Finance & Personnel Committee

2016 – Present

MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD (ERS), CITY OF MILWAUKEE

- Elected Vice Chair of the ERS Investment Committee in April 2022

- Member of the 2021 Pension Task Force, which outlined challenges and presented options for the long-term fiscal sustainability of ERS

2004 – 2007

NEWSPAPER WRITER AND EDITOR, RIVERWEST CURRENTS AND BROOKLYN STAR

Began as a freelance and reporter and delivery driver for the Brooklyn Star, including stories on City Hall and neighborhood meetings, became the editor of the Brooklyn Star and Queens Ledger newspaper group, and then the editor of Milwaukee's Riverwest Currents.

2001 – 2004

EVENTS OPERATIONS MANAGER, COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Supervised front and back of the house for special events at an historic Park Avenue mansion

2004

REINSURANCE ACCOUNTANT, COUNTRYWIDE AUTOMOTIVE INSURANCE

Managed the tracking, reporting, and billing for all large claims

EDUCATION

JUNE 2000

B.S. MATHEMATICS, HARVARD

- Graduated cum laude
- Received award based on student feedback for work as a teaching assistant in a course on mathematical modeling of biological systems. This was a course in the math department but primarily for non-math majors, so it required the ability to communicate rigorous mathematical concepts to a general audience.

1994 – 1995

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE

- Earned twenty college credits in Calculus, Microbiology, History, Philosophy, and Japanese while a junior and senior in high school

JUNE 1995

RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

- Member of soccer, baseball, cross country, debate, forensics, and chess teams