



STATE SENATOR  
**LaTonya Johnson**

WISCONSIN STATE SENATE

6TH DISTRICT

February 21, 2017

Alderman Jim Bohl  
Milwaukee Common Council  
City Hall  
200 E. Wells Street, Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Alderman Bohl,

I am writing to you in advance of the March 8<sup>th</sup> confirmation hearing for my appointment to the Metropolitan Milwaukee Sewerage District before the Common Council Public Works Committee. It is an honor to be asked to serve on the MMSD Board of Commissioners, and I would be happy to answer any questions that you might have as you make consider my appointment.

Enclosed you will find a copy of my resume and legislative biography.

Sincerely,

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**2016 - 2020 State Senator, 6th Senate District (D-Milwaukee)**

- Ranking Democratic member, Senate Committee on Public Benefits, Licensing and State-Federal Relations
- Other Legislative Committee Appointments: Committee on Economic Development, Commerce and Local Government, Committee on Education, Committee on Health and Human Services
- Senate Appointee Member of Wisconsin Center District Board, Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board, Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council
- Senate Co-Chair, Legislative Children's Caucus
- Senate Chair, Women's Health Workgroup
- Represent over 172,000 constituents on Milwaukee's Northwest side

**2013 – 2016 State Representative, 17<sup>th</sup> Assembly District (D-Milwaukee)**

- Ranking Democratic member, Assembly Committee on Children & Families
- Milwaukee Democratic Legislative Caucus, Chair (2014-15)
- Other Legislative Committee Appointments: Criminal Justice and Public Safety, Family Law and Financial Institutions
- Assembly Lead – Democratic Women's Health Workgroup
- Assembly Democratic Appointee – Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council
- Address the concerns of almost 56,000 constituents in a timely manner
- Make public appearances at events across the state
- Propose new legislation and amendments to existing legislation
- Vote on proposed legislation and amendments
- Modify and update existing laws
- Vote on State's Operating Budget
- Authored legislation on topics including, criminal justice reform, women's health, human trafficking, child welfare, gun violence, addiction prevention, student debt, summer youth employment, child care, and toxic lead exposure
- Author of 9 bills enacted into law

**Awards**

**2015 Children's Champion Policy Award;** Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

**2015 Champion of Children Award; Coalition for Children, Youth and Families**

**2016 Outstanding Legislation in Behalf of Human Trafficking Victims;** Human Trafficking Task Force of Greater Milwaukee

**2016 David Duax Award for Bipartisanship – Fierce Freedom,** (For Passage of Anti-Child Sex Trafficking legislation)

**2009 – 2013 President Local 502 AFSCME, Child Care Providers Together Milwaukee;** District Council 48: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Responsibilities:**

- Currently represent over 700 Licensed Family and Certified Child Care Providers.
- Increase membership and member involvement through effective local Union leadership.
- Appoint all standing and special committees of the local.
- Be an active member of all committees organized by the Local except election committees.
- Develop and implement goals for improving team leadership in an effort to create a stronger more effective Union.
- Facilitate Continuing Education classes for both Union and non-Union members.
- Provide representation for active members at Enforcement Hearings.
- Serve on the committees of various community organizations on behalf of AFSCME.

**2007 – 2012 Facilitator/Owner – Anointed Educational Services: Milwaukee, WI****Responsibilities:**

- Develop and implement educational curriculums and materials for Childcare Professionals.
- Schedule and facilitate Continuing Education Classes.
- Provide flexible and affordable classes suited to fit the needs of my clients' busy lifestyles.
- Maintain a working knowledge of Administrative Rules for Certified, Licensed Family and Group Child Care Centers.

**2002 – 2012 Childcare Owner/Operator – Anointed Childcare Services: Milwaukee, WI****Responsibilities:**

- Provide quality childcare services in a safe, nurturing and developmentally appropriate environment for children 6 weeks to 12 years of age.
- Maintain a working knowledge of Child Welfare Laws and Administrative Rules for Family Childcare providers.
- Provide individually guided educational programs.
- Create weekly theme based lesson plans.
- Create and maintain a well-organized, age appropriate facility and learning environment.
- Respectfully and thoughtfully interact with the children to promote positive self image.
- Use positive guidance techniques to correct unwanted behavior.
- Successfully create nurturing and positive partnerships between parents and staff.
- Create and implement good business practices.
- Recruit and maintain quality childcare professionals for support staff as well as perform other human resource related duties such as interviews, background checks, payroll, and disciplinary duties.
- Facilitate in-house staff trainings.
- Promote and maintain a positive, professional self - image among fellow childcare professionals and within the community.

**EDUCATION**

**1991 – 1997 B.S. Criminal Justice:** Tennessee State University – Nashville

Minor: **Sociology and Psychology**

**1990 – 1992 Nursing:** University of Wisconsin Milwaukee - Milwaukee

### **Legislative Biography for Senator LaTonya Johnson**

Senator Johnson is currently serving her first term as State Senator for the 6<sup>th</sup> District, which is located on Milwaukee's Northwest side. Prior to being elected to the State Senate, Sen. Johnson was State Representative for the 17<sup>th</sup> Assembly District for four years.

Senator Johnson has been a resident of Milwaukee for thirty years. For the 10 years prior to being elected to the State Assembly, she owned and operated a child care center serving Milwaukee's low-income children. Improving the health, safety, and quality of life for Wisconsin's children and their families is Senator Johnson's top legislative priority, and during her tenure in the State Assembly, she successfully co-authored 8 bills that have been enacted into law.

For the 2017 – 2018 Legislative Session, Senator Johnson is a member of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services; Senate Committee on Education; Senate Committee on Economic Development, Commerce & Local Government; and will serve as the ranking Democrat on the Senate Committee on Public Benefits, Licensing & State-Federal Relations.

Senator Johnson has also been appointed to the Wisconsin Center District Board, the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board, and the Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council.

Before running for office, Sen. Johnson served as an Executive Board member for AFSCME's District Council 48, President of AFSCME Local 502 Milwaukee Child Care Providers Together, and Chair of AFSCME's Women Committee. She has been a Financial Employment Planner for Wisconsin Shares, a member of the Special Committee on Public Assistance Program Integrity, and the drafting committee for the Wisconsin Shares Subsidy Policy Guide.