

To: Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: Danae D. Davis

Subject: Recommendation in Support of Griselda Aldrete's nomination for Executive Director of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission

Date: July 10, 2019

Dear Esteemed Members of the Milwaukee Common Council:

It is with great sincerity and enthusiasm that I write this letter in support of Mayor Tom Barrett's nomination of Griselda Aldrete to be the next Executive Director of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission.

I have had the pleasure of working with Griselda in various capacities for over 7 years. As a non-profit leader of Pearls For Teen Girls, I collaborated with Griselda in her capacity as Executive Director of the Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee, since a significant portion of our teen girl population were Latinas. Her knowledge and commitment to success for young girls and women, especially those for whom English was a second language, enabled me to better understand the cultural norms necessary to help our girls and young women to be successful.

Griselda, has championed civil rights and social justice as part of exceeding expectations in the non-profit world. The extraordinary fact is that she has done so amongst all audiences and stakeholders in business, community, non-profits, philanthropy and government. Her ability to influence change and strategic results is in part due to her work ethic and commitment to achieving results.

As an African American leader, who has lived most of her life in Milwaukee, I can also say that one of the most endearing qualities about Griselda is her big tent and big heart. She listens intently seeking to understand lived experiences and not just for the Latino community. This quality has enabled Griselda and I to collaborate on mutual issues of common, such as racial justice, student success advocacy and building youth leadership in Milwaukee. We understand our distinctions and our commonalities and that works for us to forge common strategies that grow the pie, rather than fight over the pie.

I will always admire Griselda's capacity to do many things well. My best example for you is the fact that though it took her 7 years to complete, Griselda persevered through law school at Marquette University while working full time, serving on numerous boards and committees and taking advantage of international educational travel opportunities!

In conclusion, your approval of her nomination will ensure that Milwaukee is served with distinction with Griselda Aldrete in the role of Executive Director of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission.

Sincerely,



Danae D. Davis