



Tom Barrett
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

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Judicial Selection Advisory Committee
State of Wisconsin

Dear Judicial Selection Advisory Committee Members:

I write to enthusiastically recommend Brett Blomme for appointment to the Milwaukee County Circuit Court. I have known Brett since he was a student at Marquette University nearly 20 years ago. I have had the opportunity to watch Brett grow into a leader and a strong advocate for Milwaukee, a person of impeccable integrity and someone who has worked to make Milwaukee a more diverse and equitable place for all.

Mr. Blomme came to Milwaukee to attend Marquette University where he became active in grassroots organizing in the LGBTQ+ community. He has dedicated his career as a community leader and attorney serving underprivileged and often overlooked populations; as demonstrated by his time in the Wisconsin State Public Defender's office, as an advocate and fund development director for Milwaukee's HIV/AIDS community and currently as the President & CEO of Cream City Foundation

I see the need for diverse voices to lead in all area of our government. This is why I appointed Brett to serve as the Chairperson of the City of Milwaukee Board of Zoning Appeals (BOZA). As BOZA chairperson, Brett oversees all cases for use and dimensional variances requests that come before the City of Milwaukee. Additionally, he leads a team of 3 city employees. Brett conducts his duties with transparency and fairness. He treats all applicants and citizens who appear at BOZA hearings with respect and care. I have seen first-hand his commitment to ensuring that every citizen's voice be heard in the process.

I believe Brett has the qualifications, integrity and values needed to be a successful member of our community's judiciary. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me directly if you would like to speak about this recommendation further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Barrett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "B".

Tom Barrett
Mayor