



COMMUNITY ALERT

BCDI Board Meeting

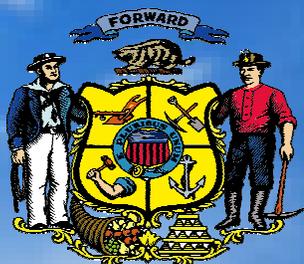
The Black Child Development Institute's membership committee invites all members to join us at the next board meeting to see their elected officials in action, receive updates, and plan for the future.

Sept. 17, 5:30 PM
1720 W. Florist Av.

Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always, I'm
Here to Serve!



Remembering 9/11

Eleven years after the attacks, and the country is still coming to terms with September 11, 2012. Looking back, I can proudly say we responded we were united. I remember being inspired by the hard work of volunteer firefighters and relief workers rolling up their sleeves and putting their brothers and sister-in-need ahead of themselves. Out of the darkness, there was a ray of light. As scripture says, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." After September 11, Christ was our nation's comfort, and so were our countrymen and women. As we remember the heroism and sacrifice of 9/11, I think that we should remember that many great men and women from New York, Washington, Wisconsin, and everywhere rose to a difficult challenge. Our problems with unemployment, disenfranchisement, and violence may not make the national news, but they are no less real. In facing our own challenges, we take inspiration from true American heroes.



Committee on Venture Capital Meets

A committee led by Senatorial colleague Tim Cullen met this week. The Committee on Venture Capital and Small Business heard from entrepreneurs and venture capitalists. As we all know, our venture capital and investment program in Wisconsin has been lackluster for too long. Economic development at the hands of Walker's WEDC agency has been disappointing. We need change. Democrats in the state legislature, including Venture Capital Committee Chair Tim Cullen, are determined to restructure a venture capital plan that invests in small businesses, especially those owned by women and minorities. We will have a bill by the end of the session!

YouthBuild Helps Young People

I am glad see that the Department of Labor has awarded \$1 million grant to the YouthBuild initiative for young people in Milwaukee. The programs is run through community and faith-based organizations like the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board and the Milwaukee Christian Center. YouthBuild helps place at risk youth in employment so they can follow their dreams. It is always encouraging to see programs that work getting support right here in Milwaukee. For more information, visit the site youthbuild.org



New Rule For Subsidized Guardians

For foster parents with relative or kin-like relationship with their foster children, the State of Wisconsin's Department of Children and Families has established a new emergency rule. Some children who are best served, these foster parents may be able to serve as semi-permanent guardians.

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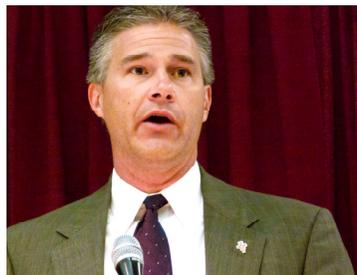
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Wisconsin DOT Broke Civil Rights Laws

A recent decision by the Federal Highway Administration's Office of Civil Rights has given me hope for the future of transportation in Wisconsin. They found that our Department of Transportation's policies have discriminated against communities of color in Wisconsin by favoring construction projects for white suburbanites instead of the more diverse inner-city Milwaukee population. \$1.7 billion has been spent reconstructing I-94, I-894, and US Highway 45, while of public transportation falls apart. The DOT is writing a new plan. We can look forward to investment in transportation for every Milwaukeean!



Voter ID Threatens Our Rights



Pay attention to the Wisconsin Attorney General's efforts to disenfranchise minorities, the elderly, and students with the Republican Voter ID. This bill would discriminate against people without official identification. Laws like these have been appearing in Republican controlled states for years, and they represent the greatest threat to black voting rights since the Jim Crow era. Look at the facts. Experts say these laws make it harder for some people to vote than Jim Crow poll taxes. The law was ruled unconstitutional twice, but they keep on trying. Its wrong.

Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!

"My future starts when I wake up every morning... Every day I find something creative to do with my life."

-Miles Davis



"There's no excuse for the young people not knowing who the heroes and heroines are or were."

-Nina Simone