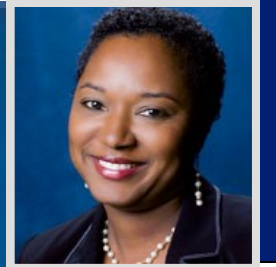


LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



COMMUNITY ALERT

**LAST DAY to
Nominate Your Tree
to be the
Milwaukee County
Christmas Tree!**

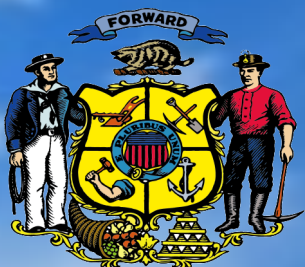
Submit a photo and
short description of
your tree to countyexec@milwcnty.com.

Vote at
[facebook.com/
MilwaukeeCountyExecChrisAbele](https://www.facebook.com/MilwaukeeCountyExecChrisAbele)

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!



WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE

In early October, I participated in a sustainable peace conference alongside nearly two hundred leaders and legislators from around the nation and the world. Collectively, we agreed on the importance of continuing efforts to pass The International Violence Against Women Act. This legislation would, for the first time, place gender-based violence at the center of the U.S. foreign policy and international aid agenda. Violence against women destabilizes communities, blocks economic progress, and undermines women's efforts to create better lives for themselves and their families. No community is immune to these consequences. Consider all the recent gun violence that has transpired in Milwaukee. Women, mothers, daughters, friends, and children were all victims of senseless acts of violence in our community. I am here to speak for them and stop tragedies like these from continuing to occur! If passed, the International Violence Against Women Act (I-VAWA) would establish gender-based violence prevention programs and redistribute government foreign aid to help reduce levels of violence against women internationally. In Milwaukee, this act could aid existing institutions that work with women and families by increasing their effectiveness so they can better address issues like domestic violence. Today, I call on members of our Congress and Senate to help me in doing more to stop violence against women through co-sponsoring the I-VAWA Act of 2013.



*Volunteer with the
Salvation Army
This Holiday Season!*

Upcoming

Opportunities Include:

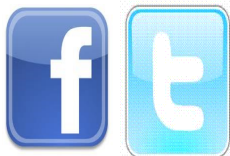
- *Prison Toy Program*
 - *Bell Ringing*
 - *Coats for Kids*
- *Kids to Kids Christmas*
- *Christmas Family Feast*

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WI REPUBLICANS UNDERMINE INDEPENDENT VOTERS

Once again, Republicans are trying to undermine voter populations through a new bill that changes residency requirements for election officials at the polling place. The bill alters the nomination process, expanding the capacity for Republicans to take over administrative roles in election districts that are typically held by independents. One message from the voters should be clear, political parties don't need more power – people do! We cannot let the Republican Party polarize American elections by pushing aside independent voters.

HELP REVIVE WISCONSIN AVENUE

It is no surprise that Wisconsin Avenue in Downtown Milwaukee could use a bit of a makeover. You have ideas, and Milwaukee wants to hear them! Up to \$50,000 in funding can be spent towards bringing your initiatives to life! Consider the difference creative bike racks or new bus stop designs could make in the community! All submissions are due November 13th, 2013. To submit your ideas and learn more about the project, visit <http://creationaltrails.com/call-for-placemakers/>.

Wise Words of the Week!

Contact Us!

**We Enjoy
Hearing
From You!**

*"If we all did the things we are capable of, we would literally astound ourselves."
- Thomas Edison*

*"Diversity: The art of thinking independently together."
- Malcolm Forbes*