

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



COMMUNITY ALERT

Voces de la Frontera

Grito Mexicano and
Fiesta Fundraiser

When: Monday September 22th
Where: 1027 S. 5th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53204

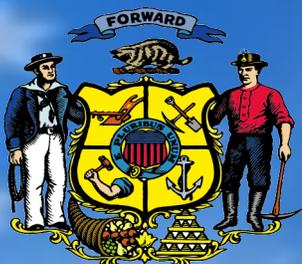
Mexican Independence
Celebration and Fundraiser



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!



COURTS ALLOW THE GOP TO REINSTATE VOTER ID LAW



A panel of three republican appointed federal appeals court judges has reinstated the Voter ID law for Wisconsin, and it is currently in effect for the November Election. The Wisconsin Republican Party has carefully orchestrated a campaign to disenfranchise voters in Wisconsin. Under the pretense of eliminating fraud and creating uniformity, Republicans have again created barriers to vote for low income, minority, student, and elderly voters. The court's decision pushes Wisconsin back towards the Jim Crow Era, a time when politicians relied on shady tactics to disenfranchise voters. The work of Ezekiel Gillespie and other civil rights leaders who fought to expand access to the polls for all eligible voters has been trampled. Yet, I am resolved to keep fighting for fairness. If you need assistance with obtaining an acceptable form of photo ID or general information about the changes to the law, please contact my office at 414-342-7176 or 608-266-5810.

SUPPORT THE BLACK HEALTH COALITION OF WISCONSIN

I was deeply troubled when I heard that the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin, (BHCW)'s funding was not renewed. BHCW's Milwaukee Healthy Beginning Project was an invaluable community resource. Not only is the program successful, but it takes on the clients that many other agencies do not serve. BHCW provides services to the most vulnerable and disenfranchised. BHCW has been providing needed case management and other services to Milwaukee families for over 16 years, through its Milwaukee Healthy Beginnings Project. Join me and many others in the community and ask that the Maternal Child Health Bureau, (MCH) follow the grant process properly. They did not follow their own process. This is not fair to BHCW, the families they work with and the community in general. I encourage MCH to contact the Maternal Child Health Bureau and tell them to follow their own guidelines and fund BHCW's Healthy Beginning Project. Call 301-443-9727 and 301-443-0543 and let your concerns be voiced.





**NAACP
FREEDOM FUND DINNER**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Michelle Alexander

New York Times bestselling author and Ohio State University law professor!

Friday, September 26

The Pfister Hotel
424 East Wisconsin Ave.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202
5:30 pm– Reception
6:30 pm– Dinner & Program,
Book signing to follow
Program

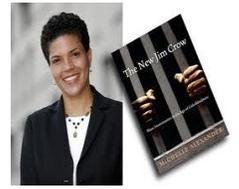
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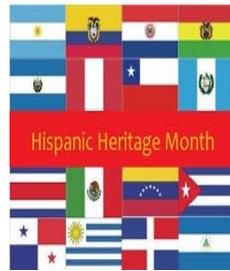
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NEW JIM CROW BOOK CLUB

Michelle Alexander is coming to Milwaukee on September 26, 2014 to give a lecture at MATC. In preparation for her visit my office is sponsoring a book club. We will be reading her book "The New Jim Crow" along with members of the community. The book explores the ways in which white supremacy has influenced our history and society. Michelle shows how mass incarceration is "a stunningly comprehensive and well-disguised system of racialized social control that functions in a manner strikingly similar to Jim Crow." On September 23, 2014 we will come together over dinner and discuss the book. If you are interested in attending the dinner and discussion, please call my office!



HAPPY HISPANIC/LATINO HERITAGE MONTH!



Every year, from September 15th to October 15th we celebrate a community that has significantly defined our landscape. First settling in Milwaukee's South Side in the early 20th century, by the 1950's, Milwaukee's Hispanic community was flourishing. Since that time, Milwaukee's Hispanic community has contributed greatly to its culture and economy. Promoting business development, education, culture, and good works, institutions such as the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the United Community Center have become pillars of our city and invaluable assets to our success. A walk through Milwaukee's south side reveals a great number of murals, educational and religious institutions, restaurants, and small businesses. As we celebrate the many contributions to American society by Latino Americans, I ask that we join in the many celebrations and events that will be taking place throughout the month. Please take the time to enrich yourselves by joining the community in appreciating the heritage of Latino Americans.

Wise Words of the Week!

Contact Us!
**We Enjoy
Hearing
From You!**

" There will come a time when we must choose between what is easy and what is right."

-A. Dumbledore

