

## COMMUNITY ALERT

### Pathways to Responsible Fatherhood

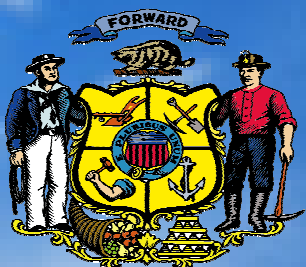
The Milwaukee County Pathways Project is a one-stop shop for free programs that parenting education, employment assistance and more.

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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!



## How Fair Is Milwaukee's Contracting?

The NAACP recently filed a suit claiming that the City of Milwaukee's contracting may be biased and unfair. I was shocked by the numbers. Of the \$82 million spent on construction projects between 2005 and 2008, only \$2.5 million went to African-American-owned businesses. Several minority-owned businesses were asked to front for white businesses in bidding wars, further skewing the odds against minorities.

Four out of ten Milwaukeeans are African-Americans, and this community has been neglected in Milwaukee's contracting process. Though I would argue caution, I support the thrust towards justice and inclusion. The issue is fairness.



## Wanggaard Recount Costs State

Despite having lost by 1.2 percent of the 72,000 votes cast in the recent recall election, Van Wanggaard has challenged the results. Eight hundred and thirty four votes will have to be overturned in order for Wanggaard to hold on to his seat in the state Senate. Such an extraordinary reversal seems unlikely, and I question Wanggaard's motives. Does Wanggaard really suspect a miscount or foul play? I seriously doubt that he does. I believe that Wanggaard is seeking to disrupt and delay democracy. Wanggaard is attempting to delay the Democrats from taking a majority in the state Senate. When we have taken control, we will stand up to Scott Walker's billionaires-first policies. We will build a Wisconsin that works for everyone. Wanggaard' delay tactics seem cynical but expected. That he, a member of the party of 'fiscal responsibility', would charge the state nearly \$7000 to conduct the recount seems unacceptable.

## Veterans



I would like to encourage any veterans experiencing difficulties, either with the Department of Veteran Affairs or in any other area, to contact my office. My staff members and I are committed to assisting my constituents in any way possible. More than a few of my constituents have provided their nation with extraordinary military service. More than anyone, you who have served deserve the best. Despite all their great work, the DVA often fails to quickly and effectively respond to veterans' concerns; we would like to help in any way possible.



### 5th Annual Freedom Scholarship Essay

*Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs has launched this scholarship challenging students to analyze the concept of freedom in an essay of 1,000 words or less. The deadline falls on August 13, 2012. Applications can be found online at*

[city.milwaukee.gov/district6](http://city.milwaukee.gov/district6)

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## **Catholic Sisters Protest Ryan Budget**



Religious groups are coming out against the Republican's slash-and-burn economic agenda. A group of Catholic sisters are conducting a nine state bus tour to call attention to fellow Catholic Paul Ryan's proposed national budget cuts and the harm they would cause the poor, as well as Catholic charities. That Ryan's own church would attack his plan as

"inhumane" and "unreasonable" shows that the Republican economic policies have moved too far into extremist ideology. The modern Republican party cares nothing for the harsh realities faced by the underprivileged and disenfranchised. The nuns' protest is one more sign that the Republicans' every-man-for-himself philosophy has gone too far.

## **We Need To Invest in Transportation**

Throughout southern Wisconsin, roads subjected to the harsh winters and the scorching heat of summer have finally had too much. Our roads are buckling. We need to reinvest in our transportation system, instead of ignoring the problem. Our safety depends on the government's intervention. It was President Eisenhower's investment in transportation that gave us the interstate highway system. Sadly, President Eisenhower would have been considered too practical and moderate by today's Republican Party.



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

*"A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work."*

*-Colin Powell*



*"From the depth of need and despair, people can work together, can organize themselves to solve their own problems."*

*-Cesar Chavez*