April 8, 2005

Name
Address
City, State zip

Dear (name):

This past February, County Executive Walker sent a letter of reappointment for your continued service on the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts Board of Directors, to the full County Board for confirmation. Milwaukee County ordinances, sec. 1.22 states that new appointees be referred to the departmental standing committee for a report recommending to the full board for confirmation of the appointment. **This required reference to the standing committee shall not apply to members of any board or commission being nominated for reappointment to their own position.**

Never-the-less, at the March full Board hearing, Supervisor DeBruin made the highly unusual request that your reappointment, along with three others, be referred back to the Parks, Energy and Environment Committee, which she chairs, for their prior consideration before the full board takes their vote to confirm your reappointment in April. Supervisor DeBruin stated that her reason for this highly unusual request was so that new Supervisors who hadn't been on the committee or board prior to your initial appointment could have an opportunity to meet each of you and ask any questions they may have of you.

I do not want to speculate on any other possible motives for this unusual request, but it would not be surprising if you may be inclined to speculation beyond the stated reasons.

I am duty bound to make you aware of this development and the clear implication, while not stated directly, that Supervisor DeBruin wishes you to attend the Tuesday, April 19th Parks Committee hearing that takes place at 9:00 am in room 201 of the County courthouse. The County Executive does not necessarily agree with the appropriateness of Supervisor DeBruin's unusual request and therefore is not specifically requesting that you to appear at the April 19th Parks committee hearing, he will leave that decision completely up to you. I should note that if the majority of Parks Committee members take offence at someone who does not appear in person, it is possible they could recommend that your reappointment not be confirmed. Forewarned is forearmed.

Thank you again for your generous service to Milwaukee County, and our apologies for the political gamesmanship to which you have become victim.

Sincerely,

Greg Reiman
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