

Veldran, Lisa

From: Ragland, Enis
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2008 10:52 AM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Cc: 'Vic Bankston'
Subject: Aldermanic District 7 Candidate Vicki Bankston

Dear Alderperson Bruer,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Ms. Vickie Bankston to fill the remaining term of Alder Zach Brandon in the Seventh Aldermanic District in the City of Madison.

I have known Vickie as a professional and personal friend for more than twelve years. During that time I have found her to be highly intelligent with broad experience and the range of critical thinking skills needed to be an effective alderperson.

She has distinguished herself with an energetic and enthusiastic commitment to the Madison community through her volunteer activities on behalf of affordable housing, small business development and criminal justice system reform. She is a creative problem-solver and people person with a great aptitude for the elected position of alderperson.

I have a high regard for Ms. Bankston and her abilities and it is without hesitation the I recommend her for the position of Alderperson for the Seventh District in the City of Madison.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide you with additional information.

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From: bkreamer [bkreamer@tds.net]
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2008 2:09 PM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Cc: vic bankston
Subject: City Council Support Email

City Council Members
City-County Building
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Council Members:

I am writing on behalf of Vicki Bankston who is applying for the open aldermanic position in District 7. Ms. Bankston's concerns in the community are safety issues, health and human needs, environmental protection, budget compliance, voter education and registration. Ms. Bankston is currently serving on the Madison Development Corporation Board of Directors and Dane County Equal Opportunity Commission. Her public service has not only been here in Madison but in other communities that she has lived in. Ms. Bankston has participated in the decision making process regarding affordable housing, small business development, and the criminal justice audit. Her interest in economic and job development, education, health and human needs and environmental protection will be a great asset to the Common City Council and to District 7 of Madison, WI.

Sincerely,

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9/8/2008

Veldran, Lisa

From: Yowoodard1@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2008 9:02 AM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Cc: vickibankston@tds.net
Subject: Reference Letter for Vic Bankston

September 9, 2008

I Veldran
City of Madison
Madison Municipal Building
Madison, Wisconsin

Re: Reference Letter for Vic Bankston

Please accept this letter of reference for Vic Bankston. I have personally known Ms. Bankston since the late 90's. During that time she joined the Dane County Equal Opportunity Commission. Due to her consistency and hard work she was voted secretary. I have known her to be an extremely competent and seasoned organizer. She handles tasks and is supportive when given additional direction.

Ms. Bankston would make an excellent candidate for any public appointment. She has exhibited good team building skills both professionally and personally. She genuinely cares for her community and has exhibited her commitment in the many civic activities she has been involved in while here in Madison.

I am requesting that you give objective consideration to Ms. Vic Bankston for an appointment on the Madison City Council.

Sincerely,

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September 9, 2008

City of Madison
Common Council Office
ATTN: Lisa Veldran
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Room 417
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Ms. Veldran:

It is with great pleasure and honor that I am writing to support the consideration of Vic Bankston for the open aldermanic position in District 7. During the course of the last several years, I have had several opportunities to work with Vic and, in my observations she has been a woman who leads with conviction and purpose and with a passion for giving a voice to people who are oftentimes left out of the mainstream conversations.

Through her inspired leadership of various causes and agencies – including the Madison Development Corporation – Vic has promoted social and economic justice, action and advocacy. For Vic, a goal is to level the playing field for small- and medium-sized businesses with a special emphasis on those businesses owned by people of color. She believes it is important to a vital local economy that new business opportunities serve to bridge the employment gap and provide as many high-wage-earning potential jobs as possible for African-Americans, Hispanics and Southeast Asians living in the Madison's challenged neighborhoods.

Vic has always sought ways to remedy the social and economic inequities. During her career Vic has been a tireless advocate of equal rights as evidenced by her work with the Dane County Equal Opportunity Commission.

Vic is a brilliant community development leader who is extremely effective in creating community partnerships. She is a person of conviction and uncompromising principals, with an especially deep commitment to social justice. It is for these reasons that I am proud to recommend Vic Bankston for the position on the City Council recently vacated by former Ald. Zach Brandon.

Sincerely

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Veldran, Lisa

From: rschoer@aol.com
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To: Veldran, Lisa
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Subject: City Council position

I met Vicki Bankston several years ago while serving on the Madison Development Corporation Board of Directors. I also served with Vicki on the Minority Affairs Council when I was on the Dane County Board. Vicki has also volunteered at The Salvation Army and many other nonprofit organizations.

I find Vicki to be an intelligent and thoughtful listener. She takes on a cause and sees it through no matter the obstacles. Vicki has the time and ability to do a great job filling Zach Brandon's seat on the City Council. She will be a quick study. Please contact me if you have any question.

Ruth Ann Schoer
608-250-2248 or 345-0191

A Fresh voice for Our Community

Vic Bankston has been a good neighbor and friend since I moved here. One day when she saw that I didn't have the strength to pull up a deep rooted pesky bush from my garden, she simply went and got heavy loppers and spent an hour cutting and digging to the roots.

She calls and e-mails me to see how I'm doing, and she takes me on errands so I don't have to wait for the Metro Paratransit system.

Words cannot accurately describe her generous spirit, and I am confident that she will be a strong and experienced voice for me and other senior citizens on the Dane County Board.

She also saved my life, when I self diagnosed my heart attack this past July 1st. En route to the Meriter Hospital ER, which I felt was closest, Vic had the presence of mind to call 911, which directed us to the local Fitchburg fire house. There, the Emergency Rescue Service had an ambulance waiting, which took us straight to Meriter, who had been alerted of our arrival. Vic followed and stayed with me the entire time until I was taken to have emergency angioplasties.

I now have 4 stents, but am considered to be making an excellent recovery. I can never repay Vic for her true interest in helping me, and I'm sure others.

She is a dear friend whose friendship I treasure.

Ida Nathan

Woodbury Village Neighbor

Godwin Amegashie
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September 9, 2008

Mr. Tim Bruer
President
Madison Common Council
City Hall
Madison, Wisconsin


Dear Tim,

This is a letter of support for the filling of the position of Alder Zach Brandon who recently resigned to join the Wisconsin Department of Commerce with a candidate that I believe strongly exemplifies the qualities that Madison needs in its leadership corps. That person is Vicki Bankston.

I have known Vicki who serves with me on the Madison Development Corporation Board for more than six years. She is a dedicated individual who puts the interest of the community ahead of hers. She has been a strong addition to the MDC Board. As the City struggles with resource its constraints, her education and experience as an executive at TDS become essential traits for the management of its meager resources. She is on the Board of her condo association, a clear recognition of her managerial skills.

Vicki adds to growing diversity of the Madison population but more so to its intellectual capital. She adds a special trait of care in her interaction with Senior citizens in our City. She in fact is a volunteer with several seniors who live alone. Madison needs leaders with vision and compassion. I believe the Vicki adds to that mix. She would be an asset to the City of Madison.

Sincerely,



Godwin A. Amegashie