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From: Rahma Mohamed <realrahmamohamed@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 3:21 PM
To: Common Council Executive Committee
Subject: Letter of Support - Rahma Mohamed
Attachments: Masood Akhtar - Letter of Support Rahma Mohamed .pdf

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Dear Common Council Executive Committee,

I am submitting to you a Letter of Support from Masood Akhtar. Masood has been an active citizen in the social and political spaces of Wisconsin for over 30 years. I have had the pleasure of working with him in several different roles whether it be in the educational, religious, or advocacy sectors. I have attached his letter below and am beyond honored to have his support.

Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,

Rahma Mohamed

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October 28, 2020

Subject: *Letter of Support for Rahma Mohamed*

To Whom it May Concern,

I have known Rahma as a member of the Muslim community here in Madison for many years and also in her capacity as an Advisory Board Member since 2018 and Student Ambassador Board Member of We Are Many - United Against Hate (WAM-UAH) this year. I am an entrepreneur, Muslim Activist, and the founder and president of WAM - UAH.

We, at WAM -UAH, strongly believe that our great diversity makes America strong, and that we seek a nation without divisions, where all are free to live, work, and pursue happiness as they choose. We organize events focused on teaching forgiveness and promoting peace. We seek to empower youth with events in high school and colleges across the state and beyond. Based on Rahma's commitment to building an inclusive community, her insight and experience with grassroots and youth activism, and her performance as an Advisory Board of WAM – UAH, I have now appointed her on my Student Advisory Board of WAM - UAH.

Rahma has one of the most impressive portfolios I have ever come across in my over 30 years of experience in Madison. The most astonishing aspect is her ability to excel without sacrifice in any category. Her endless compassion and dedication, regardless of how difficult the task, distinguishes Rahma from all the rest. This comes from her strong values and sincere commitment to serving others which immediately becomes evident from having just one conversation with her. She is willing to step forward in each and every setting to create a higher quality of impact.

Her invaluable level of thought and respect for all makes Rahma an incredible person to work with. She can bring tough topics to the table and execute change without polarizing any side, a skill that has become even more so important in the current climate. Rahma shows maturity and an understanding of the world that is uncommon in the youth of today. Even with such a strong background, she still comes across as a humble individual whose refreshing energy inspires many.

Through my interactions and work with Rahma, I can attest to the fact that she is a person of the highest caliber. Her character and impact are exceptional.

If you need any additional information about Rahma, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank
Sincerely,



Masood Akhtar
President and Founder, We Are Many -United Against Hate

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Attachments: JoAnne Brown - Letter of Endorsment Rahma Mohamed.pdf

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Dear Common Council Executive Committee,

I am submitting to you a Letter of Endorsement from JoAnne Brown. During my years in high school, I worked closely with Ms. Brown in her role as the Multicultural Services Coordinator. Beyond such, her extensive community involvement allowed for endless opportunities and I attest to the fact that her support and resourcefulness was the sole reason several of my peers were able to flourish as young adults. I have attached her letter below and am truly honored to have her endorsement.

Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,

Rahma Mohamed

LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT FOR RAHMA MOHAMED

JoAnne Brown | jbrown9510@gmail.com

28 October 2020

Common Council Executive Committee
210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Room 417, City-County Building
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Common Council Executive Committee:

I am delighted to speak on behalf of Rahma Mohamed. She is seeking candidacy for Common Council and I could not be prouder and more excited for her. This young woman exemplifies excellence. I took the pleasure of meeting and working with her over four years ago as a student at Madison Memorial High School. I was her Multicultural Services Coordinator and supported her academic and leadership development while she attended. There, she challenged herself and took rigorous courses, played sports, joined and formed social conscious leadership organizations, and shared her talents and passions not only with her school community but the Madison community as well.

Rahma separated herself from the rest of her peers. Her work ethic was impeccable. Her compassion for others was honorable. Her ability to communicate and advocate for herself and others was astonishing. She always set her own standards high and maintained a high level of professionalism even as a teenager. From the way she spoke, to the way she dressed, walked, and carried herself with a high level of confidence, Ms. Mohamad was clearly in a league of her own.

I enjoyed working on various projects with Rahma in the various student organizations I advised her in. Whether it was graciously taking charge and ownership of leading the Multicultural Talent/Fashion show we held, to leading the workshop on Understanding Muslim Culture for the back to school professional development for staff in 2017, Rahma has proven that she can lead. I can appreciate her passion for outreach and social justice. She strived to reach others by informing them of their global responsibilities and how they too can impact change. That is why I nominated her for various opportunities to lead within the school district. Even though she is young, I know she would make a great council woman. She can reach young people in a way that most adults cannot. She is also a team player. She utilizes her adult resources to impact not only the decisions she makes but the actions she takes.

That is why I am fully endorsing Rahma Mohamed for City Council of Madison as the Alder of the 7th District. She will be an asset and will be able to reach a demographic of young, multicultural Madisonians who are desperate for change. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Ms. Mohamed's candidacy, I would be happy to speak with you.

Best Regards,

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JoAnne Brown

From: Rahma Mohamed <realrahmamohamed@gmail.com>
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Attachments: Linda Fox - Letter of Endorsement Rahma M..pdf

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Dear Common Council Executive Committee,

I am submitting to you a Letter of Endorsement from Linda Fox. In my position as a Home Health Aide, I work in areas across Madison especially the 7th District. I took up this position in June of 2020 during the peak of the Coronavirus after hearing of the tragedies the elderly and disabled populations of Madison were facing due to the pandemic. I have had the honor of serving these populations in an intimate role and through this met Linda and her 98 years old mother. Linda suffers from a traumatic brain injury and had a long road to recovery. Throughout all this, one of her main priorities is ensuring her elderly mother has the highest quality of care, a task I ensure is carried out. There is no greater honor than having the trust of another person to care for someone's life. I have attached her letter below and am endlessly honored by her endorsement.

Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,

Rahma Mohamed

October 28, 2020

To: Common Council Executive Committee
210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Rm 417
City Council Building
Madison, WI 53703

Re: 7th District Alder Position Vacancy: Rahma Wali Mohamed, Candidate

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Rahma Wali Mohamed, an inspiring young woman with a passion for community service and a respect for all human beings. I have gotten to know Rahma since June of 2020 as a caregiver for my mother, and since then have had several long discussions with her about how her past experiences have influenced her, her plans for the future and where her passions lie.

My first interaction with Rahma was during a caregiving session, where I learned first-hand of her dedication to making the world a better place through her actions. Her empathy and compassion were evident in her work, and her attention to detailed notes, left for the next caregiver, were very thorough and helpful. She also expressed several concerns to me, which yielded changes to processes to improve safety issues, and she is always thinking of how to make things better.

Rahma is exactly the type of person we need to take a leadership role in Madison – intelligent and passionate, and committed to problem-solving. As a black immigrant, and a Muslim, she would well represent the diverse population of Madison, and would bring with her not only local and national advocacy experience, but international as well.

When there is an issue she cares deeply about, she thoughtfully considers how she can help bring about change or improvements, and moves forward. She has come up with innovative solutions to issues, and has taken the initiative to get them going. Her skills as a leader, organizer and collaborator will be of immense value in bringing dissenting sides together to a place of compromise in order to move forward in a positive manner.

Her accomplishments to date, especially given her age, are impressive, and demonstrate her drive to succeed as well as her commitment to purpose. She is incredibly well-spoken, well-rounded and skilled as a linguist. Besides these high-grade credentials, I find her to be very compassionate and humble as well.

In summary, I am confident that if appointed, Rahma will continue to use her knowledge and experience, passion and innovative ideas to create positive change in the Madison community, and I wholeheartedly lend her my endorsement.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Fox

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Madison resident 1976-1985 and 2000-2005

Former Training & Development Officer - First Wisconsin National Bank

Former Mgr. Organizational Development - Farin & Assoc.

Former Volunteer:

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*Green Blog Writer – Leonardo Academy

*Course co-Developer “Intro to Infectious Diseases” – UW Madison

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Dear Common Council Executive Committee,

I am submitting to you a Letter of Endorsement from Ed Brinson. Through my position as a Home Health Aide, I work for the non-profit organization Agrace - the largest hospice provider in the State of Wisconsin. Due to this, in the wake of the Coronavirus pandemic, there was an extreme shortage in staff to meet the health demands across our state. I spent countless hours volunteering for meals on wheels and senior homes so I quickly caught wind of this predicament and joined Agrace to do all I could to serve the elderly and disabled populations, especially at risk. During these past few months of the pandemic, I have work 50+ hours a week on top of my regular schedule to meet the dire needs of the Madison community. I have the honor of caring for Ed's mother who has lived through World War I and World War II. She often tells me that she is worried that after all she has been through in life, including surviving polio, she fears that the coronavirus may be detrimental to her life. Hearing such words has pushed me to strive for the highest standard of Coronavirus prevention to preserve the lives of those I serve. Ed served under Governor Doyle as the Capitol Finance Officer of the Department of Administration here in the State of Wisconsin. Through conversation with him, I have gained insight into the struggles that come with operating with the limited budget in Wisconsin politics. By being aware of this and with my own on the ground experience of hot button issues, I am prepared to work towards finding solutions to combating their negative effects. I have attached his letter below and it is with immense honor I receive his endorsement.

Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,

Rahma Mohamed

October 28, 2020

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Re: Letter of Endorsement for Rahma Mohamed

Dear Common Council Executive Committee:

I am writing to recommend Rahma Mohamed for the District 7 Alder vacancy. I met Rahma as one of the in-home caregivers for my 98 year old mother. Rahma has been an excellent caregiver going beyond the basic standards of the care-giving job. She is hardworking, compassionate, reliable, common sense, respectful and engaging with people from a totally different generation.

While the Madison City Council already has a level of diversity, Rahma can bring additional perspective of a young adult, black Muslim, from an immigrant family. Her age and background may be especially useful in analyzing problems and searching for solutions for young adults currently struggling with a wide variety of social and financial issues. Rahma is very thoughtful on issues, data driven, familiar with tech and would be a valuable addition to the Council in this regard.

Rahma has a track record of being involved in community groups so her commitment to public service is already proven. Appointment to the Madison City Council would give Rahma an opportunity to work on a wider variety of community issues on behalf of all her District 7 constituents.

Please do not miss the chance to appoint this exceptional young adult to the Alder vacancy in District 7.

Sincerely,



Edward Brinson

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