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TO: Dane County Board of Supervisors
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FROM: County Board Chair Analiese Eicher

RE: Appointments to District 4 and District 12 Vacancies

On Monday November 30th, I held two public hearings remotely via Zoom; one for the District 4 seat recently vacated by Richard Kilmer, and one for the vacancy in District 12, the seat Paul Rusk held for 18 years. The purpose was to hear from applicants and take input from the public.

Overall, there were 9 applicants, each of whom presented their credentials and responded to a handful of questions regarding the important issues facing Dane County. We are fortunate to have both this level of interest in the County Board, and individuals with impressive experience answering the call to serve in local government.

In District 4, there were five applicants: Michael Horecki, Ben Li, Cecely Castillo, Allen Arntsen, and Stu Levitan. I am appointing *Cecely Castillo* to fill the District 4 vacancy on the County Board. Cecely is an attorney who has worked for the Cook County, Illinois District Attorney and has experience with domestic abuse victims and youth justice. She also served as the policy director for Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor Lawton, as well as in the area of women's health. I believe Cecely will be the first Latina to serve on the Dane County Board.

In District 12, there were four applicants: Amani Latimer Burris, Roy C Franz, Larry Palm, and M. Anthony Whitaker. A fifth candidate, Patrick Hasburgh, withdrew from consideration, and Mr. Whitaker's nomination papers lacked a sufficient number of signatures. Today I am appointing *Larry Palm* to fill the District 12 vacancy. As a former Madison Common Council alder, I know Larry will ably step into Paul's shoes.

I believe both Cecely and Larry will be able to make valuable contributions to the Board as we face the opportunities and challenges of the months ahead, and I ask for and encourage your support of these appointments. These are interim appointments; there will be a special election in April to fill the two seats for the remainder of the term.