

Milwaukee Ald. Johnson: Governor-elect understands Milwaukee is a part of Wisconsin, not apart from it

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It's refreshing to hear our state's incoming chief executive officer express his desire to be a partner with the City of Milwaukee.

In addressing the Common Council, I was happy to learn that the Governor-elect Tony Evers seeks to focus on issues important to Milwaukee like early childhood education, improving healthcare accessibility, laying the groundwork for additional multimodal transit, and reform in the Department of Corrections.

I was also excited to hear that the governor-elect understands that as a big city, Milwaukee's needs are unique and that this city should have flexibility as it relates to raising revenue that does not rely so heavily on property taxpayers.

It's alarming to hear Mr. Evers mention that 160 bills limiting local control passed in the last eight years. Especially when a number of those and what's been slipped into the state budget process greatly impacted if not directly targeted the City of Milwaukee.

So I greatly anticipate new potential partnerships between City Hall and the Wisconsin Capitol. Tony Evers knows that what is best for our kids is best for our state and that a strong Milwaukee means a strong Wisconsin.