

# League of WI Municipalities: Zamarripa appointed to League of Wisconsin Municipalities Board

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JoCasta Zamarripa, City of Milwaukee District 8 Alderwoman was appointed to the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Board of Directors bringing her experience in state and local government to the statewide governing body. The League is comprised of more than 600 members, representing both small and large cities and villages in rural and urban Wisconsin.

“After serving a decade in the state legislature and, now, serving my diverse constituency at the local level as an alderwoman, I am certain I have much to offer to this prestigious board of directors. My 1st priority is ensuring that all local governments in our great state receive their fair share of shared revenue as I know that members (of all political stripes) of the League of Municipalities have had enough of the broken system of local government funding,” said Zamarripa.

In 2022-23 the League’s 16-member Board will be working to set the strategic direction for the League at a critical time in the organization’s history. Cities and villages are facing challenging circumstances due to a broken system of funding local government. Wisconsin municipalities of all sizes face a critical need to provide vital services, including EMS, police and fire services, to their community.

JoCasta Zamarripa was born and raised in Milwaukee, graduated from St. Joan Antida High School, and holds a bachelor’s degree from UW-Milwaukee. Throughout her career, JoCasta has been a dedicated community activist working to better the lives of others by creating positive change.

She previously worked as a Community Outreach Coordinator for Planned

Parenthood of Wisconsin and was active in the 9 to 5 National Association of Working Women. She has also held board positions with 9 to 5 Milwaukee and Equality Wisconsin, and currently serves on the boards of Citizen Action of Wisconsin and Emerge Wisconsin.

JoCasta's public service career began in 2010 when she made history becoming the first Latina elected to the Wisconsin State Legislature. She served for five terms before making history again in 2020 by becoming the first Latina and the first openly LGBTQ member of Milwaukee's Common Council.

She advocates for her constituents on Milwaukee's near south side. Her priorities include fighting for equality for all people, supporting our public schools, creating family supporting, living wage jobs, and keeping the community safe.