

Caroline Gómez-Tom: Announces campaign for Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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MILWAUKEE — Caroline Gómez-Tom, president of the City of Milwaukee Board of Health and a professional health care advocate, announced today she will be a candidate for Milwaukee County Board in District 14 in the May 2 special election. The election was called by County Executive David Crowley following the resignation of the incumbent Supervisor.

“I am running to be a bridge between the community and the policies made at the county level that impact our day-to-day lives,” said Gómez-Tom. “I am used to being the only one at the table representing my community, but when I take a seat at the table, I will bring my entire community with me.”

Caroline currently works at Covering Wisconsin, organizing community partners and stakeholders to help more people find affordable health insurance coverage. She previously worked in community engagement for Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers.

“I want every resident of Milwaukee’s south side – in fact, every resident of Wisconsin – regardless of race, gender, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, or immigration status, to feel safe and respected where they live, work, and play,” said Gómez-Tom.

Raised by working-class parents, her father a cross-country truck driver and her mom a repair technician, Caroline and her two brothers were instilled with a strong work ethic and dedication to family and community.

Caroline watched her parents work multiple jobs and sacrifice to make ends meet, and, in some cases, still come up short in a system not built for them. Seeing the successes and challenges of her parents inspired her commitment to lifting up the community, working in outreach and policy, and building bridges to support working families.

As one of Wisconsin's foremost health leaders, Caroline currently serves on the boards of the Milwaukee Latino Health Coalition (MLHC), Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin (CHAW), Kids Forward, and the UW-Madison School of Social Work Board of Visitors. In 2022, she was elected the president of the City of Milwaukee Board of Health. Caroline was previously honored as one of the "40 Under 40 Leaders in Minority Healthcare" by the National Minority Quality Forum

Born and raised in Racine, Caroline attended public schools, and holds bachelor's and master's degrees from UW-Madison. She, her husband Derek, and their two dogs, live in Milwaukee's Garden District. In her free time, Caroline sings with the Milwaukee Choristers and enjoys gardening, cooking, and supporting local restaurants.