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Jeffrey Clay Erlanger Civility in Public Discourse Award Winner is Lisa Peyton-Caire

Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway announced today that Lisa Peyton-Caire is the recipient of the 2021 Jeffrey Clay Erlanger Civility in Public Discourse Award.

The award was created by the Mayor and the Common Council to honor Madison residents who exemplify Jeff Erlanger's model of fairness, openness, and civility in public discourse. Jeff, who passed away in 2007, was committed to public service. He understood that through civil debate and effective representation, those with varying opinions could come together on how to solve issues within the community. Mr. Erlanger served on the City of Madison's Economic Development Commission and chaired the Commission on People with Disabilities as well as the Board of Directors of the Community Living Alliance.

Ms. Peyton-Caire founded and serves as the CEO and President of The Foundation for Black Women's Wellness, whose mission is to, "energize, mobilize and support Black Women to transform their health and their lives through education, advocacy, support, and powerful partnerships." She is also the founder of Black Women's Wellness Day. Lisa's service to community has been extensive. She previously served on the Board of Unity Point-Meriter Health, the Center for Resilient Cities, and A Fund for Women. She presently serves on the UW Population Health Institute Advisory Board and on the Governor's Health Equity Council.

Her advocacy for maternal and child health disparities in African-American communities is making a difference, not just in Madison, but Statewide.

"Lisa Peyton-Caire is a wonderful choice for this award in Jeff's honor," said Pam Erlanger, Jeff's mother. "Her advocacy for Black women's wellness, her efforts to improve the health of black babies, and her leadership both City and State-wide are an inspiration. Like Jeff, she strives to bring many people to the table, as she values their experiences and opinions. That effort has been successful in providing women of color a voice when they often have none. I am sure that Jeff would be pleased with her recognition."

"Jeff Erlanger was dedicated to making Madison a better place for everyone. Each year in his memory we have a chance to honor someone who shares that same dedication," said Mayor Rhodes-Conway. "This year, I am so pleased to present the Civility in Public Discourse Award to

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Lisa Peyton-Caire. Lisa is an inspirational leader who is making our city a better place every day. She has worked tirelessly for Black women's wellness with joy and purpose, and championed efforts to provide healthy outcomes for African American babies. Her leadership has been recognized nationwide. Madison, and our residents, are so fortunate to have her advocacy in this community."

As the recipient of this year's award, a contribution of \$250 will be made to the non-profit of choice of both Ms. Peyton-Caire and the individuals who nominated her.

The Erlanger Award is an annual recognition and will be presented at the December 7, 2021 Common Council meeting, which is the closest meeting to Jeffrey Erlanger's birthday of November 30.