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**Former Rep. Bowen's Statement on City of Milwaukee Election Commission Certification
of Race for First District**
Bowen Concedes 17 Vote Shortfall

MILWAUKEE - In response to the official certification of the First Aldermanic District race by the City of Milwaukee Election Commission, Former State Rep. David Bowen, candidate for Alderman District 1 (D-Milwaukee), released the following statement:

"First, I want to express my sincere gratitude to the thousands of residents that supported my campaign's vision to move our community forward together. Thank you to everyone who made your voices heard during this close election. Your enthusiasm helped deliver a decisive victory for progress within the Wisconsin Supreme Court. I am thankful to the many supporters, volunteers, donors, and organizations who continue to affirm that my decade plus of elected leadership is one to be proud of.

In speaking to the Election Commission recently, I have learned that the 17 vote gap has been officially certified. I was also informed that 10 absentee ballots will not be counted due to error and that 20 absentee voters were originally given the wrong ballot. By election day, 7 out of the 20 voters who received ballots did not return to vote. In light of all of this information, I will not be seeking a recount of these results. Previously I stated my belief in the utmost ability and integrity of the City of Milwaukee election workers and that has not changed. I'm thankful for their service. This was one of the closest watched races in our City for a reason.

All the city, district and neighborhood issues we highlighted in this campaign still stand and it matters that a near evenly split half of the electorate agreed with the vision for the City I presented by the end. I will be following city government happenings closely, staying engaged with the community, and will seek to support change where possible. Now that the election is over I hope to work in partnership with Andrea Pratt. I look forward to future conversations. Our connected community future is served better from cooperation.

While I reflect and determine my next steps, I will continue to use my platform to advocate for the policies needed for families in the First District, the City of Milwaukee and in Wisconsin. The brighter, healthier, and safer days we all deserve depends on all of us coming together to make it happen.
