

## Milwaukee County

## Supervisor Lynne De Bruin, 15<sup>th</sup> District

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## WOMEN OF THE COUNTY BOARD ASK COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO RESTORE PARALEGAL FUNDING IN DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Sup. De Bruin's Budget Amendment critical to keeping additional sex offenders off the streets

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Lynne De Bruin, joined by the other five Women of the Milwaukee County Board, are supporting a Budget Amendment that would restore funding for a critical Paralegal position in the District Attorney's Office.

District Attorney John Chisholm has told both the County Board and the County Executive that the position is crucial for keeping violent sexual predators off the streets of Milwaukee County. "If this paralegal position is not restored, the likelihood of repeat sexual predators in our neighborhoods will increase," Chisholm said.

"Without the Paralegal position, prosecutors handling sex predator cases would be bogged down by paperwork, rather than performing their legal work," Chisholm added. It typically takes about 40 employee hours to open a new file on a sex offender, due to the lengthy process of organizing several banker's boxes of unsorted files.

"We, the Women of the County Board, are respectfully asking the County Executive to reconsider his decision to cut this position," Supervisor De Bruin said. "We expect the County Board to restore this position and we ask the County Executive to support this amendment."

Supervisor De Bruin's Budget Amendment is being co-sponsored by Elizabeth Coggs-Jones, Toni M. Clark, Marina Dimitrijevic, Peggy West and Patricia Jursik.