



# MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson - District 10

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### Statement on Courthouse Safety After Milwaukee Judge's Arrest

**MILWAUKEE** – County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson, Supervisor Caroline Gómez-Tom, and Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez, members of the Latiné Caucus, issued the following statements addressing the mounting concern over the FBI's arrest of Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge Hannah Dugan on charges not yet made available to the public. The arrest was made a day after the Milwaukee County Board voted to adopt the legislation they authored on Courthouse safety and access. The new [resolution](#) reaffirms the County Board's commitment to justice, safety, and equitable access within the walls of the Milwaukee County Courthouse Complex.

"A federal arrest of a local judge is incredibly serious", stated Chairwoman Nicholson, the first Black Latina elected to lead the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. "It sends a chilling message to community members and leaders looking to do the right thing. Just yesterday, the board stood united, with 17 of 18 supervisors endorsing our resolution on public safety and access to the courthouse for all community members."

"As courthouse events continue to unfold, we are reminded why due process is vital in the pursuit of justice, said Supervisor Gómez-Tom. "The broader implications of this administration that continues to devalue our justice system, instill a sense of fear and distrust within our community, many of whom are just seeking access to the Courthouse's essential services. As I've known Judge Dugan, she has been a pillar of justice, standing for upholding the rule of law and the Constitution."

"The people will not stand for an administration that continues to weaponize our justice system as a means to intimidate immigrant communities, made clear by the cumulative actions over recent weeks", said Supervisor Miguel Martinez. "Our resolve to uphold due process, justice for all, and real community safety remains strong, as proven yesterday with the passing of our resolution."

The resolution adopted by the County Board yesterday has been sent to the County Executive.

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