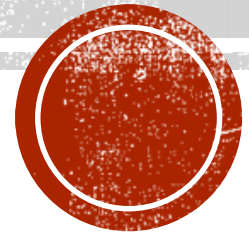


**CONSTITUENT  
RELATIONS INTERN:  
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Badger Reach Summer 2016



# OFFICE OF MAYOR BARRETT

- Located in the majestic City Hall of Milwaukee...
  - 200 East Wells St. Suite #201
  - Milwaukee's predominately German roots aimed to create a City Hall that closely resembled that of the City Hall in Hamburg, Germany (left).



# MAYOR TOM BARRETT

- University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate (woot woot!!)
- Mayor of Milwaukee since 2004



# MAYOR BARRETT'S SUMMER INITIATIVES

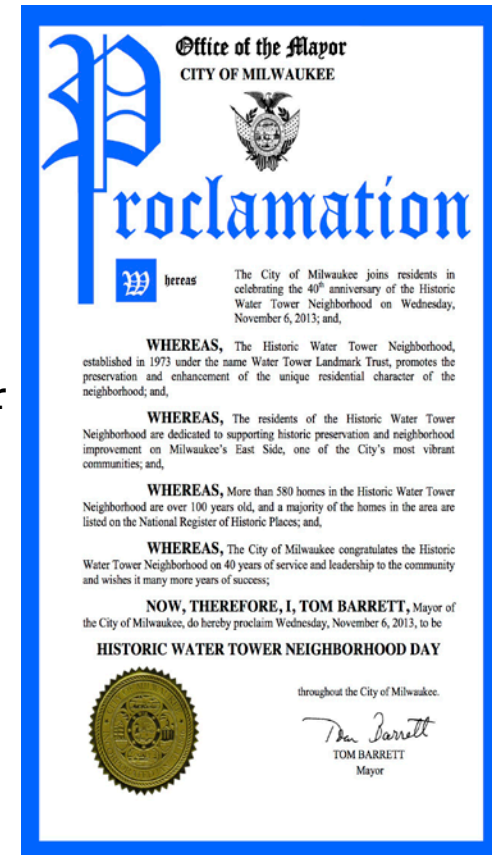
- **Safe Summer**
  - Aimed at promoting positive behavior and less violence among Milwaukee's youth via various programs throughout the summer
- **Walk 100**
  - City-wide effort to encourage the community to stay active with a goal of walking 100 miles in 100 days with Mayor Barrett
- **Earn and Learn**
  - Summer youth employment program aimed at helping adolescents make the transition into adulthood





# CONSTITUENT RELATIONS... WHAT'S THAT?

- Primary duties include:
  - Responding to constituent emails/letters
    - Often involves policy research
    - Often requires interconnectedness between other facets of government
  - Writing Proclamations
    - Awards for retirements, birthdays, conventions, anniversaries, etc.
      - Favorite proclamations included those for One Direction and Chance the Rapper
  - Answering constituent phone calls
    - Entering constituent requests into Milwaukee's request portal, "Lagan"
      - Examples of requests included:
        - Extra garbage removal
        - More police presence
        - Stump removal
    - Often times transferring to other staff/departments



# INTERN BREAKDOWN

- Individual Responsibilities:
  - Policy research
  - Communications
  - Statistics
  - Recruitment
- Weekly Intern Outings:
  - Downtown Dining Week
  - Brewer Games
  - Jazz in the Park
  - River Rhythms
  - Milwaukee County Beer Gardens
  - Bastille Days
- Crunching Numbers:
  - Ten total interns
  - Three Head Interns



# MENTOR PROGRAM

- Each intern had the opportunity to be paired up with a permanent staff member to learn more about their position and contributions to the City
- With a passion for education, I chose Myra Edwards, Senior Advisor to the Mayor, specializing in educational policies and serving as a liaison to Milwaukee Public Schools



# THANK YOU SHOUT-OUTS!!

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- University of Wisconsin-Madison Alumni for making the Badger Reach Program possible
- The Office of Mayor Barrett for helping me grow as a learner this entire summer

