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Brooks, Freitag and Healy Appointed to League of Wisconsin Municipalities Board

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Madison, WI – Erik Brooks, Mayor, City of South Milwaukee; Mark Freitag, City Manager, City of Janesville, and Jim Healy, Village Administrator, Village of Richfield were appointed to the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Board of Directors this week. The League serves Wisconsin's cities and villages, providing advocacy, training and legal services.

Brooks has served as South Milwaukee's mayor since 2014, and was re-elected last April. "We are stronger together, and the League's work is a reflection of that," Brooks said. "Now more than ever I'm excited to help guide their efforts in providing a strong, unified voice for cities and villages in Madison, and in sharing best practices we can all learn from." Brooks, a Milwaukee native, works full time as a corporate communications professional (and volunteers as his son's basketball coach), after previously working as a newspaper journalist. He was first elected as a South Milwaukee alderman in 2009 and won re-election twice.

"The League provides excellent resources to its member municipalities, allowing us to better serve our communities. I am excited to take an active role in helping this organization and its members across our great state succeed into the future" said Freitag, who has served the city for four years. Prior to Freitag's appointment as Janesville City Manager, he served a 25-year career in the U.S. Army, culminating his career as a Colonel.

Healy has served not only as Village Administrator since 2014, but also is responsible for the duties of Clerk, Treasurer, Planning and Zoning Administrator for the Village of Richfield. He has legislative experience, having worked both in the State Legislature and in Milwaukee County. "I am humbled by the opportunity, excited for the many challenges ahead, and anxious to get to work serving the public in this Statewide capacity" said Healy.

The 16-member board is poised to launch the "21st Century Fiscal Reform Proposal," a long-term plan to examine and reform the state/local partnership.