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## Supervisor Rolland Appointed to Milwaukee Regional Innovation Center Board

MILWAUKEE – Supervisor Shawn Rolland has been appointed to a three-year term on the Milwaukee Regional Innovation Center Board of Directors.

"I am eager to help entrepreneurs launch new companies and create more familysupporting jobs right here in our county," said Supervisor Rolland. "As a dad, it's important to me to help create these jobs of the future so our kids and grandkids don't ever feel like they need to leave Milwaukee County to find fulfilling, good-paying careers."

Milwaukee Regional Innovation Center Inc. is the nonprofit organization that manages the Milwaukee County Research Park and Technology Innovation Center business incubator in Wauwatosa. The research park includes more than 80,000 square-feet of laboratory, light manufacturing, and office space, and has housed more than 165 companies since 1993.

As of March 2021, job totals in the Milwaukee metro area were about down 6.2% from the same time in 2020, <u>according to the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce</u>. The Milwaukee area's unemployment rate in March was 5.2%, up 1.5% from a year ago.

Supervisor Rolland represents Milwaukee County's 6th Supervisory District, which encompasses much of the City of Wauwatosa, including the Milwaukee County Research Park and Technology Innovation Center. Supervisor Rolland also serves as Chairman of the County Board's Economic and Community Development Committee, and as Vice Chair of the Health Equity, Human Needs and Strategic Planning Committee. He also serves as a member of the Wauwatosa School Board.