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## Congratulations to Karen Dettmer – DPW's first female commissioner

### **Statement from Alderwoman Chantia Lewis and Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs**

We want to extend our congratulations to Karen Dettmer who has been appointed interim commissioner of the city's Department of Public Works, making her the first female to hold the title of acting or permanent commissioner within the department.

Karen's background and resume speak to her extensive knowledge and expertise in the field, as has her tenure as Superintendent of Milwaukee Water Works. This makes her an ideal candidate for this position, and we could not be happier for her.

Perhaps most importantly, Karen's appointment to this position sets an example for young girls everywhere of what you can accomplish if you pursue a career in a STEM related field such as engineering or architecture.

We look forward to working with Karen in her new role, and again wish her the best as she tackles this new opportunity.