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**From:** Andrea Parmentier <andrea.parmentier@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2020 3:25 PM  
**To:** PD PSRC; Veldran, Lisa  
**Subject:** Support Civilian Oversight Board and Independent Monitor for MPD with NO Amendments

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Dear Members of the Common Council, Finance Committee, Equal Opportunities Committee, Public Safety Review Committee and Common Council Executive Committee,

It is a vitally important issue to me that the recommendations given for forming the Civilian Oversight Board and Independent Monitor for the Madison Police Department are **passed** tonight with **no amendments**.

We, the citizens of Madison, have no confidence in a police force that is not independently monitored by the community, with a body that has power to hold the department accountable. Police departments are given a great deal of power with very little oversight, and we can see what they have done to our communities across the country and in Madison in particular. We don't support their decisions and free reign.

These proposals have been thoroughly researched, crafted, and debated. They are a fulfillment of a five year promise. We the community want to be in control of our community. Of course there has been less police involvement in this process than they want; the whole idea of *independent* oversight is to hold people accountable. MPD doesn't want to be accountable. If they did, they would've dramatically restructured themselves and held their own selves accountable in the five years since this endeavor was undertaken, since Tony Robinson was murdered.

MPD continues to murder and enact their version of justice without oversight. All the time we have seen their gross misuse of power, now more than ever.

I urge you all to continue to be a positive part of this historic effort and to pass the Alder Work Group's ordinance creating Sections 5.19 and 5.20 of the Madison General Ordinances establishing the Office of the Independent Police Monitor and the Police Civilian Oversight Board as it was written in an open, inclusive and transparent process by the Alder Workgroup to Develop Logistics and Operational Details for MPD Independent Civilian Oversight.

That's what the workgroup was for. This transparent process is democracy.

Make the right call.

Sincerely,  
Andrea Parmentier  
Madison, WI 53704



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**From:** meganmarie7@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2020 4:24 PM  
**To:** PD PSRC; All Alders

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Dear Members of the Common Council, Finance Committee, Equal Opportunities Committee, Public Safety Review Committee and Common Council Executive Committee,

In the interest of holding police accountable for their actions and to maybe abate their rampant violence against Black citizens, I'm joining with others in the community to send this letter. It would be *extremely* nice to feel like our elected leaders aren't complicit in giving police unchecked power. Please do the right thing and pass the Alder Work Group's ordinance as it was written. The Alder Work Group was given a task to flesh out the civilian oversight board implementation process on a timeline that was nearly impossible to achieve and they just achieved it with this ordinance, with ultimate grace, transparency, inclusivity and efficiency.

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As the Ad Hoc Committee report stated:

- We have observed that some of Madison's many diverse communities perceive Madison's police department as insular and unresponsive to their needs, and, therefore, fail to invest their trust in its officers.
- Formalized civilian oversight is the most direct way the City can confront this challenge, ensure that the MPD is responsive to the needs and concerns of all segments of the community, and thereby build trust.
- It is our belief that, in a free and democratic society, the policing function must be controlled directly by the people themselves as much as possible.
- To the extent that the community yields some of its freedoms to the authority of a police force in the interest of public safety and harmony, it must have tools to directly oversee the exercise of that police authority; the community must have a strong voice in deciding how it wants to be policed.
- We see almost all of our other recommendations as contingent or dependent on the establishment of a civilian police review body.
- In order to keep the process and the promise of reform ongoing, it is essential that the MPD continue to receive input from those outside the Department, including the public it serves and to which it is ultimately responsible.

The Ad Hoc Committee report echoes a critical finding from the Chicago Police Accountability Task Force report, that "real and lasting change is possible only when the people most affected by policing have a voice." The proposed ordinance accomplishes this absolutely essential function.

The proposed oversight structure has been carefully crafted to provide what promises to be one of the most effective and progressive civilian police oversight agencies in the nation, helping fulfill a vision of true community control of policing.

While there have been complaints voiced about the lack of police involvement in this process, the fact remains that the Ad Hoc Committee was co-Chaired by retired MPD Assistant Chief, Luis Yudice who is a strong and devout lobbyist for MPD. MPD executives were present and welcome to participate at every single meeting. Every single MPD officer could have attended at least one meeting and had 5 years to do so. These consecutive processes by the Ad Hoc Committee and Alder Workgroup define inclusivity and transparency which is one big reason why they have survived countless fear-mongering attacks fueled by ego, emotion and misinformation.

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Sincerely,  
Megan Norris



**From:** Pete Schwieger <pjschwieger@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2020 4:35 PM  
**To:** PD PSRC; All Alders  
**Subject:** Support for creation of an Civilian Oversight Board and Independent Monitor

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We're privileged to have such effective, dedicated public servants like Alder Moreland, Alder Bidar, and Alder Kemble.

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Pete Schwieger

813 S Brooks St, Madison 53715



**From:** Katherine Johnson <thosetricksyspirits@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2020 5:04 PM  
**To:** PD PSRC; All Alders  
**Subject:** Civilian Oversight

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Katherine Johnson



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**From:** Kayla Kuo <kaylanaus95@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2020 5:39 PM  
**To:** PD PSRC; All Alders  
**Subject:** LISTEN TO OUR VOICES

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Sincerely,  
Kayla Kuo

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**From:** Carrie S <stenerson.c@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2020 6:09 PM  
**To:** PD PSRC; All Alders  
**Subject:** Support the Alder Work Group for the Civilian Oversight Board

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Dear Members of the Common Council, Finance Committee, Equal Opportunities Committee, Public Safety Review Committee and Common Council Executive Committee,

Please Please PLEASE support the Alder Work group's decisions for the Civilian Oversight Board. As you can see the non stop police brutality against the Black community in Wisconsin Alone is overwhelming. Please I urge you to support the groups choices and decisions and make this Oversight Board happen ASAP. We can no longer hold our police accountable to our police. We see that their only goal is to protect themselves.

Support the community you work for! And create the Oversight Board EXACTLY the way the Alder group created it!

BLACK LIVES MATTER

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**From:** Erin Lemley <afuzzybird@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2020 7:09 PM  
**To:** PD PSRC; All Alders  
**Subject:** Approve the Civilian Oversight Board As-is!

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Dear Madison Alders, Members of the Public Safety Committee, and Members of the Executive Committee,

I am writing as a resident of the Hawthorne neighborhood in Madison, asking you to approve the Civilian Oversight Board Ordinances exactly as they are currently written. This board has been a work of 5 years in the making, and it is now at the point where a difference can be made! But we are also at the time where most of the similar Civilian Oversight Boards across the county have failed, and have become not the voices of citizens that are usually marginalized, but another voice in support of the police.

I agree with the findings of the Ad-Hoc Committee:

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It is important that those who are most affected by policing and the use of excessive force by police officers have a voice in how the police department is overseen. The police are already well-represented by the department and by their union. A Civilian Oversight Board should not represent the positions of officers, but of the community in which officers work.

I urge you, please support the creation of sections 5.19 and 5.2 of the Madison General Ordinances, as written and without any changes. It will mean so much to our community to have a Civilian Oversight Board that actually provides oversight.

Sincerely,  
Erin M Lemley  
1703 Rowland Ave #1  
Madison, WI 53704

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**From:** Evelyn Gildrie-Voyles <gildrievoyles@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2020 9:20 PM  
**To:** All Alders  
**Subject:** In support of establishing The office of the Independent Police Monitor and Police Civilian Oversight Board as proposed by the Alder Work Group

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Dear members the Common Council Executive Committee,

I am writing to support the recommendations of the Alder Workgroup to Develop Logistics and Operation Details for Madison Police Department Independent Civilian Oversight. It is clear to me that an Independent Monitor and a Civilian Oversight Board is necessary to curtail a culture in the Madison Police Department of control, cover up of wrong doing, and a disregard of public concern. The civil oversight board must be nominated by the groups recommended by the Alder Workgroup. Communities most effected by interactions with the police must be on the oversight group. I urge you to pass the Alder Wok Group's ordinance creating sections 5.19 and 5.20 of the Madison General I Ordinances and to make the necessary budgetary adjustments to fully fund the office of Independent Police Monitor and the creation of the Police Civilian Oversight Board.

With Gratitude for your hard work and careful consideration,

Evelyn Gildrie-Voyles  
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