

From: John Fons <jefons@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 2:56 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Trust

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To the Madison Common Council Executive Committee:

The only real issue involving trust between the citizens of Madison and the Madison Police Department originates with criminals.

Those who sympathize with criminal behavior and enable criminal acts are naturally and perpetually distrustful of authority in general and law enforcement in particular.

Look around, Council Members, at your city and your downtown. Look around at the debris and destruction. Look around at the ruined businesses and vacant streets and then tell the people of this city of all colors, races and ages that there is a problem of trust with the Madison Police Department.

The problem is with yourselves and you will not solve the problem by flattering yourselves with more committees, more appointments and more obstruction, by encumbering men and women in the performance of their duty while those who riot, loot and commit mayhem know you just don't like cops.

Pander to those who put themselves in harms way by breaking the law and you disgrace yourselves by sitting safely in your chambers while those who risk their lives to enforce the law do the work of trust and public safety.

John Fons
Madison, Wisconsin

Veldran, Lisa

From: STEPHANIE SCHMIDT <skschmidt2@wisc.edu>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 2:50 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: In support of items 4, 5, 6, & 7

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Dear alderpersons,

I would like to express my support for items 4, 5, 6, & 7 on the agenda for the Common Council Executive meeting tonight.

Thank you,
Stephanie Schmidt
1923 Sherman Ave
Madison, WI 53704

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From: Amy Miller <ajmille2@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 2:42 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Independent Police Monitor and Civilian Oversight Board

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Dear Alders,

I am writing to express my strong support for the creation of the Independent Police Monitor and Civilian Oversight Board. The position and the Board should be implemented without as recommended by the Ad Hoc committee and without any amendments that might weaken it. The recent deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Jacob Blake remind me of the police shooting deaths of Madison citizens since 2012. It is time for community oversight of the police. This does not conflict with the role of the Madison Police and Fire Commission.

Please vote in favor of these agenda items:

4. Adopting the Final Report of the Alder Workgroup to Develop Logistics & Operational Details for Madison Police Department Independent Civilian Oversight.
5. An 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.
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7. Amending the 2020 Operating Budget, creating the Office of the Independent Police Monitor and creating of the position of Independent Police Monitor as a 1.0 FTE position in CG21, Range 18, and other positions, providing funding for a Police Civilian Oversight Board, and establishing funding support for individuals bringing complaints before the Police and Fire Commission in response to the recommendations of the Madison Police Department Policy and Procedure Review Ad Hoc Committee.

Sincerely,

Amy J Miller
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner
1507 Rutledge St
Madison, WI

Sent from my iPad

Veldran, Lisa

From: Sara K <kosciolek@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 2:22 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for agenda items in 8/28 meeting

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Dear Alders,

I'm writing in support of today's agenda items, 61667, 61593, 61595, and 60617. I believe strongly that community oversight is needed for the Madison police department, and that these items begin laying the foundation for it. They are the first and smallest steps towards moving Madison forward as a just, safe, and peaceful community.

As a Madison resident, I ask that you also support items 61667, 61593, 61595, and 60617.

Thank you.

Sara Kosciolek

4706 Regent St #46B

Madison, WI 53705

Veldran, Lisa

From: Andrea Collins <andrea.kellyc@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 2:19 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: CCEC Meeting Tonight - support agenda items 4, 5, 6, 7

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Hello,

My name is Andrea Collins, I am a resident of Madison at 1218 Rutledge St #4. I am writing today regarding tonight's Common Council Executive Committee meeting, in support of agenda items 4, 5, 6, and 7. The Independent Police Monitor and Civilian Oversight Board are critical to public safety in Madison. It simply does not make sense for police to be able to operate with no accountability to the community they are supposed to be protecting. There is more than enough room in the budget to be able to do so, if priorities are shifted correctly. The police have shown us time and time again that because they are not held accountable to the community, they will exercise their power to terrorize, brutalize, and surveil the entire community and especially Black and Brown communities.

Please support anything and everything that must happen in order to create the Independent Police Monitor position and the Civilian Oversight Board as proposed, most immediately agenda items 4, 5, 6, and 7 at tonight's meeting.

Best,
Andrea Collins

Veldran, Lisa

From: Gisela Wilson <giselawilson@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 2:19 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Approve the Alder Workgroup'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

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August 28, 2020

Dear Alders,

I am writing you today to strongly urge you to pass the legislation prepared by the Alder Workgroup (an ordinance, budget proposal, report, etc.) exactly as written, without amendment. For too long, the Madison Police Department has gone without adequate accountability measures in place, while the valorization of a police culture that finds any means to be acceptable has been allowed to continue unquestioned. Indeed, as with Matt Kenny, who killed Tony Robinson, many suspect officers are allowed to continue as trainers to usher in each new cohort. This practice allows the use of excessive force, attitudes of entitlement on the part of police officers, and attitudes of white supremacy and ableism to proliferate unabated.

The Madison Police Department has a history of ignoring the concerns and needs of the communities they're most in contact with. The communities that are the most underserved and neglected by our government and society are those that are most overpoliced. It is absolutely essential that these communities be given a voice in police function and accountability. Otherwise, police are simply cleaning up the mess of a neglectful and dysfunctional society -- often wrongly and with too many mistakes, deaths and damage to the communities they are supposed to serve. It is to meet this need that the Police Auditor and Community Oversight Board were designed. Their design was based on the OIR review and several years of negotiation between representatives of our community and various members of the police department. Members of the police department were present and provided input at every single MPD Policy and Procedure Ad Hoc Committee meeting. The Alder Workgroup meetings that crafted the legislation also were inclusive and open to the public. Importantly, the negotiation process took into consideration the reasons oversight mechanisms have failed in other communities, and the primary reason for failure in other instances has been that the oversight function was entrusted to people representing the traditional power structures of our government and society, instead of the communities that most need to be heard and have input. Further, it also is vital that Police Auditor position and Community Oversight Board preserve the adjustment in whose voices are heard if the other recommendations of MPD Policy and Procedure Ad Hoc Committee Report recommendations are to have any hope of succeeding. Really what is being asked for is a voice, since ultimately the power will still reside with the Police and Fire Commission. Of course, there are other, less controllable, ways for these communities to gain a voice when their oppression becomes intolerable, and that is a continuation of the protests we've seen this summer — at considerable cost to both protestors and the City.

Please count me among the Madison residents that are not comfortable with the unquestioned authority and qualified immunity police have been awarded in our society, especially when the communities most affected don't have a seat at the table. Approve the Alder Workgroup'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, all as it was written.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gisela F Wilson
1244 Morrison Ct

Veldran, Lisa

From: DJH Photo <djhphoto@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 2:14 PM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Subject: Civilian Oversight Board and Independent Monitor

Importance: High

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Dear Common Council Executive Committee,

I write to your once again to give my full support for items 4,5,6 and 7 of today's CCEC agenda.

I specifically wanted to write to you again to stress to you that the Independent Monitor must report to the Civilian Oversight Board... NOT TO THE MAYOR! Making the IM report to the mayor would be a huge power grab and basically nullify all of the work done so far in trying to have real and authentic oversight of the police.

Respectfully,

DJ Haugen
111 W Wilson St. #204
Madison, WI 53703
djhphoto@hotmail.com

Veldran, Lisa

From: Jady Carmichael <jady.carmichael@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 2:06 PM
To: All Alders; Veldran, Lisa
Subject: Madison needs police accountability.

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Dear committee members,

I am a City of Madison resident, and I am writing to you today to express my full-throated, unwavering support for the following items on the agenda for today's Common Council Executive Committee meeting:

- 4) Adopting the Final Report of the Alder Workgroup to Develop Logistics & Operational Details for Madison Police Department Independent Civilian Oversight.
- 5) Establishing Office of Independent Monitor/Civilian Oversight Board.
- 6) Amending MGO 3.54(9)(b) to add the position of Independent Police Monitor.
- 7) Amending the 2020 Operating Budget to fund the Independent Police Monitor and the Civilian Oversight Board.

As a person of color who has lived in Madison for six years, I do not want what happened to Jacob Blake, Tony Robinson, George Floyd, Sandra Bland, or any of the other dozens of names I could list, to happen to anyone in Madison or its surrounding communities (or anywhere else). Madison likes to imagine it is magically free of racism and white supremacist attitudes, but these are insidious, deep-seated systemic and societal problems that need to be addressed with concrete actions immediately. Creating an Independent Police Monitor Office and a Civilian Oversight Board will be an important first step to rooting out any racism and white supremacy in our police department, which will help improve life for **all** Madison residents, not just its BIPOC residents.

If Madison wants to truly deserve its self-styled "progressive" reputation, it needs to start earning it by actually responding to this movement in progressive ways.

Yours in solidarity,
Jady Carmichael

Veldran, Lisa

From: Joel Witt <jrobwitt@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 2:04 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support of Agenda Items 4,5,6, & 7.
Attachments: Agenda.pdf

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Thank you all for your time and attention to these matters.

I am writing this brief note in support of Items 4, 5, 6, & 7 of the attached agenda.

I really don't know quite what to say. You can think of many different reasons to support this and I'm not sure you need mine. It's a small, overdue step in a big scary world.

I'm sympathetic that perhaps there are some things you cannot do. That the more radical abolitionist vision is beyond your power. So instead of asking for what cannot be done, I am asking for one foot in front of the other.

I think we all profess to want the same thing: Less police violence.

Cart and Horse Time. Some might say defunding the police is putting the cart (police budgets) before the horse (crime rates). But that aphorism always has a weird flaw: the horse doesn't know in what direction it's pulling the cart. THERE ARE OTHER FACTORS AT PLAY.

It doesn't matter how many people are being arrested (fastest goddam horse in the West) if we're charging right off the edge of a cliff. A more policed society is not a safer one.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Nataraj Hauser <nataraj.hauser@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 1:58 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Law Enforcement Civilian Oversight

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Greetings,

I fully and firmly believe that the City of Madison should immediately approve Agenda items 4-7, creating meaningful civilian oversight of Madison Police Department. We must take steps to demilitarize MPD, and shift significant portions of MPD funding to agencies more adept at responding to problems without the all-too-common escalation to force.

"When all you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail."

Thank you.

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Nataraj "Charles" Hauser

www.natarajhauser.com

From: Richie Breidenbach <elbreidenbach@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 1:57 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support independent monitor and civilian oversight

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Hello Madison Alders,

I am a constituent and I am writing to urge your support of the CCEC agenda items 4, 5, 6, and 7 at tonight's meeting. Madison needs an independent monitor and civilian oversight of the police, and we need this effort to have real power and funding. This is what Black community leaders are calling for and this is one step towards ensuring that the police are not allowed to kill Black people and just get away with it.

Please stand with Black lives and support these items.

Thank you,

Richie Breidenbach
114 N Brearly St
Madison, WI 53703

Veldran, Lisa

From: Mary Pfotenhauer <marypfotenhauer@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 1:36 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Common Council Executive Committee agenda items (4, 5, 6, 7) for the Friday, August 28 (4:30 PM) meeting

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Dear Alders:

I'm writing in support of agenda items 4, 5, 6, and 7 on today's agenda for the Common Council Executive Committee meeting. I ask that you pass each of these items as drafted by the working group, without amendment.

I am an almost 20-year resident of Madison. My partner is Black. He, and we, are well aware that every time we leave the house we might be targeted unfairly by police on the basis of race. Even worse, in my opinion, is that we have come to have an expectation that, if something did happen, the Madison police would not be held accountable for their actions. I love this city, but we now have regular discussions about whether we should move somewhere else. Passing items 4 through 7 on today's agenda would be an important step in showing residents of color, and their loved ones, that Madison is trying to make the city a safe and just place to live for everyone.

Thank you.
Mary Pfotenhauer
District 6

From: Anna Finley <anna.j.finley@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 1:23 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Written Comment for Common Council Executive Committee 8/28/2020

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Dear Common Council Executive Committee,

My name is Anna Finley, and I am a resident of Madison and a strong supporter of agenda items 4, 5, 6, and 7 (4. Adopting the Final Report of the Alder Workgroup to Develop Logistics & Operational Details for Madison Police Department Independent Civilian Oversight; 5. An 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; 6. Amending MGO 3.54(9)(b) to add the position of Independent Police Monitor as a Compensation Group 21 level employee; 7. Amending the 2020 Operating Budget, creating the Office of the Independent Police Monitor and creating of the position of Independent Police Monitor as a 1.0 FTE position in CG21, Range 18, and other positions, providing funding for a Police Civilian Oversight Board, and establishing funding support for individuals bringing complaints before the Police and Fire Commission in response to the recommendations of the Madison Police Department Policy and Procedure Review Ad Hoc Committee.) We the people of Madison deserve to have oversight over our law enforcement as citizens in a democracy. Without being able to directly oversee and hold our law enforcement responsible for their actions, there is no-one watching the watchmen, and we have no mechanism to ensure MPD is acting in the community's interest. Residents of Madison need a formal mechanism for such oversight, and creating an independent civilian oversight board is the first step in solidifying much needed oversight to ensure the police force works towards community interests. I urge you to vote in support of agenda items 4, 5, 6, and 7.

Best,

Anna Finley

I support All Black Lives Matter. I support peaceful protest. I support the arrest of those who loot and cause destruction to others' property. I support body cameras for law enforcement officers. I support rebuilding the trust between many in the community and the MPD and restorative justice and I will continue to work for better days ahead . . . for all.

-Jane M. Allen-Jauch

From: Jane Allen-Jauch <jallenjauch@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Subject: Police Civilian Oversight

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To Whom it may Concern:

We find ourselves in extremely unsettling times, causing tempers to flare and the will to remain calm to be constantly challenged. I deal with these emotions within myself on a daily basis.

I live in Brentwood Village on the northside of the City of Madison. There was a recent shooting just a block from my home and several years ago there were multiple shots fired in the street directly in front of my house. There has been an increase in traffic and speeding in my neighborhood, and most residents have come to ignore the frequent drug deals that occur on a daily basis, right outside their front doors. To say that, 'This is happening all over Madison' is not acceptable.

I have made several 911 calls to Madison Police in the past three years. Their response has always been swift and efficient, and I make an effort to speak with officers whenever I am given the opportunity. I also participated in Coffee with a Cop discussions at the Warner Park Community and Recreation Center.

As an educator, I would question the formation of a teacher oversight committee. We are evaluated by professionals in our field and assessed accordingly.

With the same skepticism, I have many questions about a police oversight committee: Who will be selected to serve on this committee? Will there be law enforcement officers on the committee? Can members of the general population serve on the committee? For those serving who are not in law enforcement, will they receive education in how law enforcement officers are trained? Has there been a move AWAY from community policing?

Veldran, Lisa

From: Ryan Hartkopf <ryanhartkopf@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 1:19 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: I support the Independent Monitor and Civilian Oversight Board

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Hello,

I have emailed my alder Christian Albouras multiple times about this issue but felt it important to reach out and continue to express my support until these resolutions pass all committees. I am in support of establishing the Independent Monitor and Civilian Oversight Board as written in items 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the agenda for the Common Council Executive Committee.

I feel it is important for citizens and community organizations that are closest to our most vulnerable citizens to have a strong say in how we want to be policed. I believe it is important for our voices to be heard in order to create a more just city.

I urge you to please pass these resolutions as written and make history here in Madison.

Thank you,

Ryan Hartkopf
6633 Raymond Rd
Madison, WI 53711

Sincerely,

Susan Goedeken

Veldran, Lisa

From: Veldran, Lisa
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 1:13 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: FW: Support for Common Council Agenda Items 4,5,6,7 8/28/ meeting

From: Susan Goedeken <scgoedeken@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Veldran, Lisa <LVeldran@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Support for Common Council Agenda Items 4,5,6,7 8/28/ meeting

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Dear Members of the Common Council Executive Committee,

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.

<https://madison.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx...>

This ordinance was created by the Alder Work Group in an open, inclusive and public process on the tails of a similar 5-year process carried out by the Ad Hoc Committee.

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 continues 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 in 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.

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.

Date: August 28, 2020
To: Common Council Executive Committee
From: Janet Hirsch, Madison Resident
RE: Agenda Items for August 28, 2020

As you deliberate the agenda items for the Office of the Independent Monitor and the Civilian Oversight Board, **I ask you to oppose the exponential increase in staffing and budget requirements.** The City will have a drastic shortfall in revenue this year which will, undoubtedly, continue into 2021.

In reviewing the 7-26-2020 Memo to OIM-COB Logistics Workgroup, I have not found an acceptable explanation about the estimated increase in expenses from \$200,000 to \$456,000.

Additional staff appears to be redundant. It adds additional bureaucracy (and costs) at a time when we need to streamline the work of City staff and prioritize our expenditures.

-Without having any data to determine the workload of a new committee, this new staffing is premature. The work of a Data Analyst and an Office Administrator should be done by the Administrative Services Team which the CCEC has as a future agenda item. *Legislative File No. 51541 - Creating an Administrative Services Team to support and enhance Board, Commission and Committee staffing, training, and resident engagement, and to evaluate the overall structure and size of the City's BCC System.*

-Undoubtedly, some of the tasks of this additional staff is already being accomplished by other City staff or committees. Let's see where we can avoid duplication. Is there a reason that the OIM can't communicate with the MPD data analysts who are already on staff?

Thank you for your consideration of these issues.

Veldran, Lisa

From: jhirsch@chorus.net
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Subject: CCEC Special Meeting
Attachments: 2020August28 Correspondence to CCEC.pdf

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Lisa:

Please provide the attached document to CCEC members for Agenda Item #7-60617.

Thank you.

Janet Hirsch

From: Bekah Gant <bekahgant@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 1:08 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support the Independent Monitor and Civilian Oversight Board

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Madison Alders,

I am writing today to voice my support for the independent monitoring of and the civilian oversight of the MPD.

We as a city, to move forward in good faith, need to work together: civil servants and the public communicating respectfully and in accountability. As a citizen of Madison, I would personally feel safer around police and more trusting of them if I knew there was both independent monitoring AND civilian oversight and collaboration. Right now, honestly, I wouldn't feel comfortable asking for their assistance even if needed.

In tonight's meeting, please support items 4, 5, 6, and 7 on the agenda. Thank you.

Rebekah Gant

Veldran, Lisa

From: Susan Goedeken <sggoedeken@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Veldran, Lisa
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Sincerely,

Susan Goedeken

From: Julie Collins <jcoll08@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 12:41 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Please support the Independent Monitor and Civilian Oversight Board

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Good afternoon,

I am writing in strong support of the Independent Monitor and Civilian Oversight Board and specifically of agenda items 4 - 7 of this evening's Common Council Executive Committee agenda. Please support these plans.

As the events of this summer make abundantly clear, our current systems are not working and the result is an unacceptable toll in lives and livelihoods, most particularly within our Black community. We need a new approach. Please support the Independent Monitor and Civilian Oversight Board as they have been designed.

Thank you for your attention and your service,
Julia Collins
20 Sherman Terrace
53704

Veldran, Lisa

From: Jennifer Lanza <lanzeljr@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 12:32 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support agenda items 61667, 61593, 61595, and 60617

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Dear Alders,

I write today to request your support for today's agenda items 61667, 61593, 61595, and 60617. We need independent monitoring of our police force to ensure the use of best practices and safety for all of our community members. Ongoing use of excessive force by our police demonstrates the need for this. Now is the time to act and ensure our government is accountable to the people it serves.

Thank you,
Jennifer Lanza
806 Winston Way, Waunakee, WI 53597

Veldran, Lisa

From: rek <rek@bostoncoop.net>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 12:23 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for establishing a civilian oversight board

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Dear alders,

I am writing to express my support for items 4, 5, 6, and 7 for tonight's meeting. I am not able to speak at tonight's meeting, but I want to express my support. I believe it is critical that we establish a civilian oversight board for the police in Madison. We need this in order to have a better working relationship between the police and the citizens of Madison. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter, -Rek Kwawer
2857 Commercial Ave.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Natalie Sorden <natalie.sorden@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 2:59 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support Agenda Items 4-7 today

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Hello Alders,

I am emailing you as a concerned citizen of Madison asking you to please support the agenda items 4-7 at today's City Council meeting.

We need community oversight of the Madison Police Department. MPD reeks of racism and they have continuously failed to deal with this problem themselves so they need an outside group to do so.

This is an opportunity to show up for the people of Madison, especially the marginalized community you claim to serve.

Thank you,

Natalie

Veldran, Lisa

From: Steve Verburg <stverburg@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 3:03 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: independent monitor and civilian oversight board votes TODAY

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Good afternoon,

I'm writing to urge members of the Madison Common Council Executive Committee to vote today in favor of all four proposals creating the police department Independent Monitor and Civilian Oversight Board.

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Despite the need for transparency and accountability, in states like Wisconsin the [deck is stacked very heavily against any possibility of consequences or correction for police officers who abuse their sweeping powers](#). There are many reasons for this, not the least of which is the state law known as the [Wisconsin Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights](#).

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Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks for your attention to this important matter.

Steve Verburg
1614 Wendy Lane, Madison, Wisconsin

Veldran, Lisa

From: Richard Jones <info@studioparan.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 3:23 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: support of police Office of the Independent Police Monitor and the Police Civilian Oversight Board

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Dear alders

I will briefly state I support items 61667, 61593, 61595, 60617 Agenda 4-7 on tonights agenda
AS proposed without amendment. Do the right thing and pass these items
thank you

Richard Jones:

citizen, madison resident since 1992, small business owner, father, property owner and
concerned community member

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Veldran, Lisa

From: Nathan Tredinnick <nathan.tredinnick@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 3:26 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Civilian/Independent Oversight of and Accountability for Police

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Hi folks,

Nate Tredinnick here of lovely Madison, WI (west side!).

I'm sending a quick note to say I FIRMLY support the upcoming Common Council agenda items concerning oversight and accountability for police - specifically, I support the items as drafted, by the working group, without amendment.

I'm not the kind of person who has a big anti-police sentiment in general and I know and like several folks on the force; on the whole, a lot of good comes out of the department! But, they've largely lost the trust of a majority of the city and an independent monitor would do a lot towards making the department's relationship with the community functional and healthy.

Thanks for the consideration here and good lord let's fix this stuff.

Nathan Tredinnick
426 Wynnwood Way
Madison, WI 53705

Veldran, Lisa

From: Rae Winegardner <rachel.winegardner@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 3:27 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Comment on Agenda Items for 8/28 Common Council Meeting

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Good afternoon alders,

I would like to express my support for the following Common Council Executive Committee agenda items:
4,5,6,7

An Independent Civilian Oversight Board is crucial in creating a just policing system. We should make every effort to allocate funds and resources to create and maintain a successful board.

Thank you,
Rachel Winegardner
Madison resident

Veldran, Lisa

From: Jeremy Taetsch <jjtaetsch@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 3:35 PM
To: All Alders; Veldran, Lisa
Subject: Police accountability

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Dear committee members,

I am a white male City of Madison resident, and I want to express my support for the following police accountability initiatives on the agenda for today's Common Council Executive Committee meeting:

- 4) Adopting the Final Report of the Alder Workgroup to Develop Logistics & Operational Details for Madison Police Department Independent Civilian Oversight.
- 5) Establishing Office of Independent Monitor/Civilian Oversight Board.
- 6) Amending MGO 3.54(9)(b) to add the position of Independent Police Monitor.
- 7) Amending the 2020 Operating Budget to fund the Independent Police Monitor and the Civilian Oversight Board.

I fully support transparency in our public servants, especially those who impact the safety and well-being of our residents. I would not mind paying more in taxes if we can all have a safer place to live (without needing to fear unjust police violence) with more civilian oversight. I love the idea of a Civilian Oversight Board, and I will be monitoring the steps that need to happen in order to get this done.

The idea of trying to prevent transparency just because we don't want the public to know who is doing what is a sad statement.

Looking forward to changes,

Jeremy Taetsch

Veldran, Lisa

From: Jim Mand <jimmand@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 3:37 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Common Council Executive Committee Meeting of August 28, 2020

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I oppose the establishment of the Office of the Independent Police Monitor & the Police Civilian Oversight Board. Therefore I am opposed to resolutions 61667, 61593, 61595, 60617 up for consideration tonight.

The State of Wisconsin statutes established in 1885, for Police & Fire Commissions, was specifically done to keep local politics out of law enforcement.

The resolutions under consideration are a direct attack on that purpose. It is a direct, and illegal challenge to their authority under State Statutes.

Sincerely,
James F. Mand
49C Golf Course Rd, Madison WI 53704
jimmand@charter.net

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Veldran, Lisa

From: Gina Nerone <gnerone@wisc.edu>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 3:57 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support for resolutions 4, 5, 6, 7

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Hello, I am unable to attend today's meeting but want to register my support of resolutions 4, 5, 6, and 7. We need DRASTIC changes to policing in our city to ensure a bright future for all Madisonians.

My address is 404 E Wilson St Apt 404, zip code 53703.

Thank you.

Best,
Gina Nerone

Veldran, Lisa

From: Hilary Barker <hlbultman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 4:07 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Support of Independent Civilian Oversight of MPD and the Independent Police Monitor

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Hello Madison Alders,

I am emailing to show my enthusiastic support of several items that you are discussing in today's meeting - specifically items 4, 5, 6, & 7. We need an Independent Police Monitor and Civilian Oversight of our police force in Madison. These are common sense measures that will help ensure ethical police practices, uphold accountability, and help establish trust in the community of police efforts. These are important steps forward and they must be made now more than ever!

I am concerned that particular Alder members are showing opposition to these common sense measures. To me, this is disturbing and points to a lack of understanding of what our community truly needs and has been repeatedly asking for. As our alders, I expect you all to listen to your constituents and represent our needs and values.

Sincerely,
Hilary Barker, Ph.D.
Nakoma Neighborhood, 53711

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Hilary Barker

Veldran, Lisa

From: Brigid <brigidcaileen@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 4:15 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: 8/28/2020 common council executive committee agenda

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I am emailing in support of agenda items 4,5,6,7. Police need to be held accountable to the community they swear to protect.

Best
Brigid

Veldran, Lisa

From: Steve Verburg <stverburg@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 4:16 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Fwd: independent monitor and civilian oversight board votes TODAY

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Good Afternoon once again,

I've just been made aware that the Mayor in a blog entry posted late yesterday seems to have proposed unspecified changes to the Independent Monitor and Civilian Oversight Board proposal I wrote to you about a short time ago.

I'll apologize in advance if her proposal is available somewhere and I was just unable to find it, but if there isn't a proposal available for public inspection this seems to me to be an astonishing failure to make government open to the public.

How can the public participate in this decision when the Mayor is coming in at the last minute with secret amendments?

An individual who spoke to a member of the Mayor's staff has indicated that the Mayor may be again seeking more control for the Mayor over the Independent Monitor and Civilian Oversight Board. If this is true, it's obviously very troubling. First of all, much of the value of the monitor and board are derived from their independence from political influence and influence by the Police Department.

Second, a committee of alders labored for weeks in a transparent process that created the current proposal. If the Mayor is seeking to defeat the transparency of the committee process to gain more control over the Monitor and Board, it doesn't bode well for the potential transparency and independence of those entities if she is granted that control.

I urge you to approve the proposal as it appears on your agenda.

And, again, I apologize in advance if I've misread the Mayor's blog.

Thanks,

Steve Verburg
1614 Wendy Lane, Madison, Wisconsin

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From: Steve Verburg <stverburg@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Aug 28, 2020 at 3:03 PM
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To: <allalders@cityofmadison.com>

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Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks for your attention to this important matter.

Steve Verburg
1614 Wendy Lane, Madison, Wisconsin

Veldran, Lisa

From: Donald Busalacchi <dbusalacchi@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 4:17 PM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Subject: Regarding tonight's common council executive committee meeting

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Dear Members of the Common Council executive committee,

As a proud and longtime citizen of Madison I would like to express that I am in full support of agenda items 4,5,6,& 7 of tonight's meeting.

The recent brutality and unrest in our great state has shown us just how critically important it is that the legislation to create a Civilian Oversight Board and Independent Monitor, to oversee MPD be passed **EXACTLY AS WRITTEN BY THE ALDER WORKGROUP**. Now is the time to strengthen our community by creating a true oversight body, any amendments that dilute this effort would be a terrible shame.

Thank you very much for your time!!

Donald Busalacchi
3713 Brigham Ave.
Madison, WI 53714

Veldran, Lisa

From: Luis Yudice <lyudice23@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 4:23 PM
To: All Alders; Veldran, Lisa
Subject: Common Council Executive Committee Regarding the creation of the Civilian Oversight Board

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I am writing to you to express my concerns with the proposed ordinance to establish the Civilian Oversight Board. I am a former member and Co-chair of the Madison Police Ad Hoc Committee and a retired Assistant Chief of the Madison Police Department. I understand the need for greater police accountability and strongly support the creation of the Office of the Independent Monitor. However, I have significant concerns with the make up of the Oversight Board. The ordinance does not address what qualifications, if any, are desired or necessary and it does not include other organizations that I believe are critical to make it an effective and inclusive body.

The Alder Work Group points to the importance of diversity and lived experience in the composition of the Board, but in restricting membership to organizations with budgets of less than \$1.0 million dollars, it effectively excludes others such as Urban League and Centro Hispano. In addition, the consultant hired to conduct an in-depth assessment of the police department devoted sixteen pages to the issue of mental health and made ten recommendations related to this issue. It noted that "Because officer-involved shootings and other critical incidents so frequently involve individuals in some type of mental health crisis, the increased national dialogue on police accountability necessarily involves discussion on agencies interaction with the mental health community". So, it begs the question, why is Journey Mental Health not included on the board?

In an article titled Getting it Right: Building Civilian Oversight Boards to Oversee Police Departments, Udi Ofer, Deputy National Political Director and Director of Campaign for Smart Justice of the ACLU advocates that:

"Board Members should have an interest in the safety of the city and in the civil rights of community members. **Nominees should have an expertise in a relevant field such as legal, civil rights or law enforcement background.** Nominees should have a demonstrated commitment to the well-being of the city where they live and a strong understanding of the importance of upholding civil rights and civil liberties in policing".

Qualifications are important, but the ordinance makes no mention of them. Furthermore, consideration should have been given to having someone with a law enforcement background. We have former officers who are committed to working with community organizations to improve policing. Wouldn't it make sense to have their voices heard? Consider the value of having Former Chiefs Noble Wray, or Charles Tubbs, or retired Captains Jim Wheeler or Mary Schauf on this board. They would give it perspective and legitimacy and would help advance social justice in our community.

Civilian Review Boards have a mixed rate of success and some are bogged down in litigation. They need to be governed by the rule of law, be respectful of due process, and apply procedural justice concepts to their work.

These are critical first steps for our community. Let's ensure we do this right by proceeding carefully, and thoughtfully.

Please consider the critical implications of this issue and vote to re-examine the membership of the board.

Sincerely,

Luis Yudice

Veldran, Lisa

From: Ashlie Crooks <ashliecrooks@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 4:24 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Supporting Independent Police Monitor and Civilian Oversight Board

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Dear Madison Alders,

Please support the Independent Police Monitor and Civilian Oversight Board (61667, 61593, 61595, 60617) during the meeting today. We are seeing the continued effects of unchecked police violence against the people they are supposed to protect and serve. Only by having independent oversight of the police will real progress be made.

Thank you for your time,

Ashlie Crooks
411 S Ingersoll St
Madison, WI 53703

Veldran, Lisa

From: Abha Thakkar
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 4:27 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: NPC supports Alder Workgroup recommendations without amendments

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To the Common Council,

I am writing behalf of the Northside Planning Council to state our support for the recommendations developed by the alder workgroup regarding the Independent Monitor and Civilian Oversight Board. Specifically, we are writing in support of items 4, 5, 6 and 7 on tonight's Common Council Executive Committee agenda.

It is critically important that the independent monitor is truly politically independent, and the best way to accomplish this is by maintaining oversight and supervision of that position with the Civilian Oversight Board, as recommended by the alder workgroup.

Please respect public process and refrain from making amendments to these well thought-out recommendations. We cannot have this oversight work co-opted by the very entities they are designed to hold accountable.

We look forward to monitoring the outcome of this vote.

Thank you.
Abha

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Ms. Abha Thakkar
NPC Executive Director
Northside News Editor
director@northsideplanningcouncil.org
608-230-1221

Northside Planning Council
1219 N. Sherman Ave.
Madison, WI 53704

Veldran, Lisa

From: e_wales13@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 4:30 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Law Enforcement Oversight Committee

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Eric Wales

Address: 9020 Ancient Oak Lane, Madison, WI 53593

Phone: 920-540-5267

Email: e_wales13@yahoo.com

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

I have a concern that the current makeup of what would be the 13 member oversight committee does not represent the entire City of Madison. I also have issue on how people are recommended for the positions. In its current form, it is not something I would be behind at all. My understanding is, that only the mayor and 9 organizations in this city get to recommend members. And who are these 9 organizations? Do they represent the entire city? The organizations should have nothing to do with placing members on the committee. Each district should have an elected member on this committee. If there are 20 city council members that represent the city as a whole, there should be 20 members elected to this oversight committee. That is the only way to truly represent the entire city. By letting only certain organizations hand pick who is on the committee, it could be easily stacked against law enforcement. Trust has to go both ways. The community needs to trust its law enforcement, but law enforcement needs to trust the community. If this current form of the committee is what is approved, it will cause more divide between the community and law enforcement, and also cause more divide within the community itself.

I have asked to be contacted in the past and have never heard from anyone. I feel like my concerns are not being considered at all and being disrespected. Like I said in my last message to you, I used to be proud to be a citizen of this city. Not anymore.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Cyra K. Polizzi <ckpolizzi@wisc.edu>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 4:35 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oversight of MPD

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Hello,

Oversight of MPD is essential. I support meeting agenda items 4, 5, 6, and 7, and am in favor of these items as drafted by the working group, without amendment.

Thank you,
Cyra Polizzi

Veldran, Lisa

From: Abra Bankendorf Vigna <abra.vigna@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 5:06 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: I fully support measures to create civilian oversight of the MPD

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Dear Alders,

Thank you for your service.

I am writing to express my strong SUPPORT for items 4,5,6, and 7 on the meeting agenda to advance civilian oversight of the Madison Police Department.

Community control over police is essential to righting centuries of wrongs and advancing health equity. ALL positions should have independent oversight and accountability. It is unjust to exempt the police from oversight and clearly lends itself toward rampant abuse of power.

Please do the right thing and vote yes.

Sincerely,
Abra Vigna
Westmoreland Resident

From: mmd1092@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 5:33 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] madison police oversight

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Mike Dinges
Address: 2752 Lissa LN, STOUGHTON, WI 53589
Email: mmd1092@gmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

there IS trust in the madison police department. The only people who don't trust the police department are the ones that are breaking the LAW.... when a officer says stop people need to stop. walking away, not listening IS resisting arrest. I was shot at on a bike path in madison. I was lucky they missed, but what about the next time. Am I or one of your loved ones going to be as lucky?

if you want to address something address the crime happening in our city. just about every nite now there is a shooting. Look at the rioting happening downtown. that should have not been allow to go that far. There should have been a presence there and catching these bad apples at are drowning the the message that peaceful protester's are trying to send.

laws should be on the books to allow business owners protect their businesses, and yes I am saying if someone breaks into a business or in there to do harm. The business owner should have to right to protect themselves and their business.

final note: if you want to blame the police for their actions. walk a week in their shoes. it is a very frustrating job with little respect. yes just do a ride along with them and see what they see put your life in danger and see how you feel at the end of that week. Then think about this, they are doing this day in and day out 365 days a year.

Veldran, Lisa

From: wildnlw@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 5:34 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Citizen oversight committee for police

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Nancy Wild
Address: 4549 martha lane, madison, wi 53714
Email: wildnlw@gmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? No, do not contact me

Message:

Alder Kemble's proposal to again try to put this committee into place is dangerous to the citizens of Madison, disrespectful of MPD and a time-wasting idea meant to insinuate that this department is regularly engaged in brutality to citizens of this City. This is absolutely not true. This council approved an extensive and expensive study about 2 years ago done by a respected outside agency which came back indicating that MPD was a shining star as a police department and stood out as one of the best in the nation. What Alder Kemble is instituting is absolutely false. What should be being investigated is the total lack of leadership we have in this City from the Mayor on down. We need MPD as it is and we will need new recruits as time goes by and it will be extremely difficult to recruit them with the negative tone toward police currently in this city. No one wants to fight the losing battle which Chief Koval could no longer partake in. You had one of the best here and you could not wait to bring him down. Please bury this ridiculous idea on Tuesday.

Veldran, Lisa

From: clfogle@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 6:46 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] police oversight

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Cynthia Fogle
Address: 822 e Washington , Madison , wi 53703
Phone: 608-289-8493
Email: clfogle@gmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? No, do not contact me

Message:

please be very careful in hampering on of the best police departments in the state/country...
Rules yes, hampering or preventing them from keeping our city safe No
Thanks

Veldran, Lisa

From: mepellett@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 7:46 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Oversight Board

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Megan Pellett
Address: 5148 E Cheryl Pkwy, #317, Fitchburg , WI 53711
Phone: 608-535-2208
Email: mepellett@gmail.com

Would you like us to contact you? Yes, by email

Message:

Hello. The community oversight board selection criteria as well as the board itself is a bad decision. The people that you are selecting to have oversight and make decisions regarding the police force have no background or understanding as to how the police department is supposed to be run, the training that it takes to actually be a police officer and the challenges that they face on a daily basis. You will be selecting those that already have a bias against the police, which gives them a disadvantage from the starting point. A community needs law and order, and when there are already bills trying to be passed to take away non-lethal options such as teargas and rubber bullets, this doesn't show support of the police or of non-lethal de-escalation methods that they have available to them. Decisions of this council such as only giving money to black owned businesses to rebuild on State Street Even though a large majority of the businesses are owned by minorities and women, shows that this council is only concerned with the Black Lives Matter movement which is pushing for the defunding and complete dismantling/disbanding of the police, which is exactly what this community oversight board would push to do as well. If any of the above are to happen, you will lose the great police officers that you have, will push businesses out of Madison as they are scared for continued riots and looting, and citizens will move out and away from the community because they do not feel safe. I refuse to live somewhere that does not have a police force.

Veldran, Lisa

From: Cole, Yanette
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 8:22 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Oversight committee

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57 years ago

"... from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual:

"Free at last. Free at last. Thank God Almighty, we are free at last." MLK, Jr

Free at last? Free at last? Madison Wi, the little Alabama of the north.

Who are you representing? Are you people for freaking real? Do you represent people outside this city? When you talk about your constituents, who in the hell are you referring to? Who are you trying to fool?

We all know of one or maybe 2 of you who represent white communities and who blindly support the police?

What about the rest of you? Who is buying your votes? Voting true to yourselves? Seriously???? You owe this to the people of this city that needs you the most. It is not about your feelings or your own personal views.

You make it unbearable to be a responsible & involved community member.

It is exhausting to watch your drama, to listen to your bruised egos and to every single time land on the wrong side of history.

Kenosha is burning down! Madison will continue to burn and you just care about you!

And all of this in the most progressive city in the state. Shame on you!! You continue to make excuses! Karma doesn't forgive!!

Yannette Figueroa Cole

Sent from my iPhone

Veldran, Lisa

From: andrea <andreareter@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 10:48 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: Pass the civilian oversight board for mpd and independent monitor!

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I live on madison and support this! . Pass this bill tonight!

