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Dear alders,

The agreement with the City of Milwaukee will not be fully reimbursing Madison PD. This means that the City of Madison could be on the hook for the remainder of the costs, for providing security at an RNC event. This would be, in effect, an in-kind donation from the City of Madison to the Republican Party.

At Finance Committee, we learned that part of the \$125k might be reimbursed by Milwaukee, and there's some verbal agreement that it will be, for whatever that's worth. But the verbal agreement definitely won't cover 100% of that \$125k, and MPD was evasive about the amount of the ineligible costs.

So regardless of how that verbal agreement shakes out, the City of Madison will be paying *something*, and I don't want a single cent of my tax dollars going towards right-wing extremists, thank you very much. If the city had a plan to bill the RNC for the remaining amount, that would resolve these concerns. The remainder should be small enough for the RNC to cover, so long as they don't go bankrupt, or have to make illegal hush money payments.

Thank you,

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