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Dear Alders,

Thank you for having a discussion tomorrow about the violence prevention initiatives currently underway within various City departments to gain a holistic understanding of the work that is happening across the City. I understand that there will not be opportunity for public comments or questions, but I am sharing some possible questions below for your consideration as the primary audience for these presentations. I plan to attend the meeting to also hear the presentations.

1. How are the prevention initiatives of your departments complimentary to the work of the City's nonprofit partners working in violence prevention and intervention?
2. What gaps do you see in the continuum of violence prevention and intervention services in the city (i.e. what isn't being addressed in the City's pursuit of building a safer and more resilient community)?
3. Where are you seeing effective and promising practices in primary prevention of violence (either through City departments or with our nonprofit partners) as a more cost-effective measure to the City by preventing violence before it starts?
4. What are the plans to ensure sustainability of effective violence prevention and intervention efforts both within the City departments and with the City's nonprofit partners?

Thank you for all you do in service to our beautiful community.

Warm regards,

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Madison, Wisconsin. 53717 Yes, by email. jerryxdarda@gmail.com All Alders Collaborative approach to violence prevention 1) please adopt body cameras for police at least on a limited basis to be used in high crime areas.

2) support neighborhood policing so folks who don't trust police learn to trust them.

3) encourage returning police officers to the schools so that students would learn to trust our great Madison police officers.

4) eliminate the wasteful police oversight committee.

5) congratulations on the fact that the MPD has a higher percentage of minority officers than the community has minority folks in general

From: [Rick Taylor](#)
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It seems to us that the very best aid to violence prevention could be outfitting our police force with body cameras. If folks who have a propensity to act in a violent manner know their behavior could be on film, and used against them, it could act as a very strong deterrent. Even children act better when they know they are being watched...
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