From: Nicholas Davies
To: All Alders
Cc: Martinez-Rutherford, Dina Nina
Subject: Yes to alternate on item 66 (85327)
Date: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 5:50:26 PM

Dear alders,

Ahead of your meeting tonight, I just want to express my support for Alder Madison's alternate for item 85327 (66 on tonight's agenda).

This item has gone through a long process and it has taken dedication to keep working on it, so thanks to Alder Figueroa Cole as well.

Thanks,

Nick Davies
3717 Richard St

From: Amy Miller
To: All Alders
Subject: agenda item # 66
Date: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 7:50:10 PM

Dear Alders,

I am writing in support of Alder Madison's alternate PCOB ordinance amendment version, which matches what the PCOB unanimously recommended, and in opposition to Alder Figeroa Cole's amendment version. The latter would eliminate prioritization of smaller community organizations for seats on the PCOB. Eliminating this provision would tend to effectively consolidate power in organizations that already have access and a voice, at the expense of smaller, more grassroots organizations. This would tend to reduce the PCOB's potential as a platform for more marginalized voices and as a vehicle for substantial meaningful change. Please vote for Alder Madison’s amendment version

Sincerely,
Amy J Miller
1507 Rutledge St.

From: Amy Owen
To: All Alders
Subject: Please support Alder Madison"s Amendment for the PCOB
Date: Tuesday, September 2, 2025 4:55:28 PM

Dear Alders,

I am writing to request that you vote in support of Alder Madison's alternate ordinance amendment for the PCOB, in reference to item #66 on the Common Council meeting agenda. Please allow organizations that would be good candidates to serve our city participate in this role, regardless of size or budget. Alder Figuero-Cole's version seems to continue excluding smaller organizations from being allowed to serve on the PCOB, but I as a city resident really want to ensure that organizations focused on serving their communities and not just fundraising for big bucks are given an equal chance to be a part of building community safety. Often smaller organizations have more credibility among communities disproportionately targeted by the justice system, and are better positioned to bring concerns and solutions to the work of this Board, resulting in higher community trust and better policies and practices. Let's ensure these small organizations have the same chance large ones do, there's really no argument that we will have better community safety when we exclude them, and there have not been attendance issues for months. Let the PCOB proceed with the role it has been given and stop holding up their work with one thing or another.

Thank you,

Amy Owen
3129 Buena Vista Street
Madison WI 53704

From:	Amelia Royko Maurer
To:	All Alders
Cc:	Duncan, John; Ochowicz, William; Field, Derek; Verveer, Michael; Vidaver, Regina; Mayer, Davy; Lankella, Badri; Govindarajan, MGR; Pritchett, Joann; Figueroa Cole, Yannette; Tishler, Bill; Matthews, Julia; Evers, Tag; Knox Jr., Isadore; Martinez-Rutherford, Dina Nina; O"Brien, Sean; Madison, Sabrina; cdbechen@gmail.com; Glenn, Carmella; Guequierre, John; Harrington-McKinney, Barbara
Subject:	Alder Madison"s alternate Police Civilian Oversight Board amendment
Date:	Tuesday, September 2, 2025 6:11:24 PM
Attachments:	Screenshot 2025-08-20 at 1.45.56 PM.png

Dear Alders,

I am writing in support of Alder Madison's alternate Police Civilian Oversight Board (PCOB) ordinance amendment version, which matches what the PCOB unanimously recommended, and in opposition to Alder Figueroa Cole's amendment version. The latter would eliminate prioritization of smaller community organizations for seats on the PCOB. Eliminating this provision would effectively allow organizations that already have political access and a civic voice to consolidate power at the expense of smaller more grassroots organizations.

This would tend to reduce the PCOB's potential as a platform for more marginalized voices and as a vehicle for substantial, meaningful change.

I would also like to point out how much time this amendment has wasted during PCOB meetings and encourage you to remember that during budget season.

Additionally, some have pointed to the legitimate challenges faced by the Independent Monitor (IM), as described in a recent *Isthmus* article, as justification for this amendment and a reduction in the mechanism's funding. However, the article has no relevance to the current PCOB — its members, their work, or their progress. The current PCOB has consistently met quorum and is addressing its responsibilities as promised. Yet since the start of this year, their efforts have been obstructed by this unnecessary and distracting amendment, compounded by the disrespect shown by its author, who has refused to take seriously the board's formal decision to file the amendment with prejudice.

Finally, I want to clarify that when I've spoken or written to you about this amendment — its origins and how I believe it reflects upon its author — my words have been wrongly attributed to other members of the Community Response Team. Unless I or another member explicitly state that a message represents the views of the entire team, it should not be assumed to do so. So please be clear: this message represents my views alone, regardless of what others may claim.

Thank you,
Amelia Royko Maurer

IN SELECTING PCOB MEMBERS, WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO PRIORITIZE NOMINATING GROUPS WITH BUDGETS UNDER 1 MILLION ?

PRIORITIZE (PCOB COMMUNITY ARCHITECTS)	DO NOT PRIORITIZE (ALDER FIGUEROA COLE)
• The current ordinance language does not exclude larger organizations from holding seats on the PCOB, but helps ensure seats for smaller community organizations. • Smaller grassroots community organizations that depend less on large budgets cannot be silenced with threats to their funding. • Smaller grassroots community organizations do much of the actual political work of defending those who are often ignored, of fomenting change, and are more likely to be adversarial to the power structure.	• Larger organizations connected to influential donors have more political sway and are, by default, prioritized. • The PCOB would be recapitulating the usual setup of institutional power in Madison with organizations that already have access (while ignoring broader and more marginalized voices). • Large organizations that depend on public funding tend to be more centrist and careful when challenging power. • The only group on the current list without any funding is the Community Response Team making this 8 month, time-consuming, public $-wasting effort seem targeted.