

From: [noreply](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] Police Independent Monitor
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 8:23:20 AM

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Madison, Wisconsin. 53705 Yes, by email. marykateada@gmail.com All Alders Police Independent Monitor I'm a 72 year old white woman. I've lived in Madison for 25 years. I care deeply about this city. I want us to be the best we can be. AND I believe that having independent monitoring of our police officers is ESSENTIAL in that quest. PLEASE keep the independent monitor in the budget - fully supported and with continued independence. Enough with the falsehoods and drama.

From: [Bonnie Roe](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Haas, Michael R](#); [Schmiedicke, David](#)
Subject: Body Cams cannot be MPD Net Neutral
Date: Friday, June 5, 2026 8:06:14 AM

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Dear Members of the Common Council,

Thank you to those of you who took the time to connect with me at Tuesday night's Budget Engagement Session on Justice & Public Safety. It was an invaluable opportunity to hear directly from council members and department heads and discuss the fiscal path ahead.

During our conversations, several alders noted a willingness to fund Body-Worn Cameras (BWCs), provided the program remains entirely "**budget net-neutral**" to the Madison Police Department. While the desire for maximum fiscal efficiency is understandable, especially given the stark general fund constraints outlined by Finance Director Schmiedicke, we need to confront the operational reality of data management.

The primary cost of a BWC program isn't the physical cameras; it's the **recurring clerical and IT infrastructure and records staff** required to securely log, store, and manually redact video footage to protect the identities of crime victims and bystanders for public records requests.

Attempting to force this administrative workload into a "net-neutral" MPD operating budget creates an operational impossibility.

First, body cameras do not make a patrol officer's daily work "more efficient." That is simply not the purpose of the technology. If anything, managing the digital inputs will add a bit of time to each shift.

Furthermore, with MPD's authorized strength stagnant at 492 since 2022 (despite adding unprecedented thousands of new residents since then), and frontline field capacity recently reduced by six positions to fix an administrative span-of-control issue, **there are simply no positions left to cut.** Frontline neighborhood patrol capacity is already stretched thin by a shrinking pool of patrol officers and a growing volume of calls for service exceeding 500 calls per day. And residents are crying out for more officers doing proactive traffic.

The MPD's civilian records staff already struggle to keep up with current demands, resulting in a severe backlog of open records requests. **More staff will inherently need to be added to implement a BWC program successfully.** We cannot constantly ask MPD to do more with less.

However, we can achieve true taxpayer net-neutrality through a broader governance solution: **A citywide Inspector General (IG) framework.**

As noted, the contract extension for the Interim Independent Police Monitor provides a clear structural runway until March 31, 2027. This timeline gives the City the exact window it needs to design a modern IG transition. An Inspector General framework would expand auditing

beyond a single office to look for fraud, waste, abuse, and contract inefficiencies across all city departments—including underperforming capital assets and complex TID allocations.

By standing up an IG framework, the city can claw back systemic operational waste from across the entire municipal system. Those citywide cost savings can then be directly appropriated to fund the civilian IT and clerical infrastructure required for body cameras, completely shielding MPD's depleted patrol and civilian operations.

Let's not box our public safety infrastructure into a corner with impossible operational mandates. We can give Madison residents the transparency of body cameras and the independent oversight they deserve by building a smarter, broader, and self-funding institutional design.

Thank you for your continued leadership and dedication to these complex structural choices.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Roe

From: [Amelia Royko Maurer](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Gossip mongers
Date: Monday, June 1, 2026 9:52:43 AM

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Dear City of Madison Common Council,

Please read the column below. It both clarifies where the conflict of interest lies in the investigatory process of Madison police officer behavior and, it calls upon city agents to stop attacking, lying about and wasting the time of Monitor Glass, the OIM and the PCOB.

I urge you all to ask this question as individuals and a collective body:

Is obstructing the conveyance of truth to Madison residents and using political power as a vehicle for yours or a colleague's petty, personal vendetta something any of you want as part of your public legacy?

I have hit a personal limit, answering people who have suffered excruciating loss, asking why some of you would lead the charge in attacking and wasting the time of the OIM and PCOB knowing all the while who it is you are actually hurting. That might not mean much coming from me but frankly, it doesn't have to.

The fact is, the state of MPD has always been the responsibility of the Madison Common Council. Whatever is happening there right now... the culture they foster, however they are treating residents - you are responsible. The Council of 2020 understood this and passed an historic MPD reform package that took years to form and included the input of nationally and locally renowned experts including 1000s of residents most impacted by policing. Whatever within that mandate that has yet to be implemented and the suffering that delay continues to cause is 100% on you.

<https://madison365.com/the-independent-oversight-of-gossipmongers/>

Thank you again to those of you who see the incredible leadership in the OIM and PCOB, who do prioritize public safety over loyalty and who refuse to play political games with people's lives.

Amelia Royko Maurer

From: [Richard Sandrock](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Independent Monitor and PCOB
Date: Monday, June 1, 2026 10:57:05 AM

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Please fund the Independent Monitor and PCOB.....as my family was negatively impacted by the murder of Paulien in cold blood years ago and the realization that the "fix was in" I ask you to have the courage to do what is right.....you may have to explain this to your children and they are going to ask where you were when this crookedness in the system was in place and you had the chance to challenge it.....Sleep tight.....

Richard Sandrock

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Madison, Wisconsin. 53705 Yes, by email. frankjs1947@gmail.com All Alders Police independent monitor I am a 80 year old white male living in Madison since 1972. Having observed Madison policing for all that time I have come to the conclusion that the independent monitor is VERY necessary to control the excesses of our police department. The death of Tony Robinson by Matt Kenny is a prime example of the police department not able to investigate itself. You need to fully support, financially fund, and keep the independent monitor in place.