

From: [CARLAANDDAVID](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Opposition to Amendment being introduced tonight
Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 2:21:00 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am firmly opposed to the budget amendment that is being introduced tonight (with virtually no notice to the public!) to defund the Office of the Independent Monitor. Please vote against it.

I would also like to register my firm opposition to the introduction of this amendment at such a late hour, which renders it difficult for the public to advocate one way or the other. Perhaps you could leave a few minutes for Alders Harrington-McKinney, Knox, and Pritchard to explain their apparent opposition to city government transparency.

Summarizing: (1) I'm opposed. You should be too. Please vote "no." (2) I'm ashamed of sneaky tactics that make our City Council look like Congressional Republicans. How about you?

Thank you,

Carla Glewen

From: [noreply](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] Full funding for OIM
Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 3:43:14 PM

Recipient: All Alders:

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 – 3:43pm

Linda Ketcham

JustDane

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Madison, Wisconsin. 53711 Yes, by email. linda@justdane.org All Alders Full funding for OIM Dear Alders,

It is my understanding that the Council will consider a budget amendment this evening that will defund the Office of Independent Monitor in favor of shifting the funds to the MPD for body worn cameras. I urge you to maintain full funding for the OIM so that the recommendations of the Ad-Hoc Committee can continue to be implemented. At a time when law enforcement is being weaponized this is the wrong time to pull back on public protection for residents impacted by police misconduct. The OIM is a necessary part of the City's public protection and safety efforts and needs to be maintained.

From: [Aaron Konkol](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Do NOT defund the Office of the Independent Monitor
Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 3:40:22 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing to state my strong opposition to the budget amendment that is being introduced to defund the Office of the Independent Monitor. The tactic of introducing this as a floor amendment at the last second appears intended to minimize public awareness and visibility of the amendment - it is the opposite of transparency. Please vote against this amendment.

Sincerely,

Aaron J. Konkol
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From: [Erin Lemley](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: OPPOSE amendment to defund OIM
Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 2:53:22 PM

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Dear Alders,

I was very disappointed to read that once again, some alders are trying to defund the Office of the Independent Monitor. Transferring that budget money to fund police body cameras seems like retribution, since OIM data analyst Greg Gelembiuk has found severe flaws the pilot body camera study (and has done a lot of work showing that body cameras are not the silver bullet we are always promised by law enforcement, while also being much more expensive than we are led to believe).

The timing of this amendment is also designed to limit transparency and reduce the timing that citizens have to give input into the process. This is not how a transparent democracy that values input from the governed should work.

Please vote against this amendment.

Sincerely,
Erin Lemley
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From: [KRISTIN MATHEWS](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Proposed amendment tonight
Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 2:29:20 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing to state my strong opposition to the budget amendment that is being introduced to defund the Office of the Independent Monitor. The tactic of introducing this as a floor amendment at the last second appears intended to minimize public awareness and visibility of the amendment - it is the opposite of transparency. Please vote against this amendment. This is not ok and goes against our city's proud history of open and transparent communication.

Sincerely,
Kristin Mathews
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From: pamelaoliver@charter.net
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Dear Alders

I have previously written in support of funding for the Office of the Independent Monitor. I am writing today because there is a rumor circulating that some alders may propose a floor amendment to transfer the budget item for the OIM to body worn cameras for the police. I do not know whether such an amendment will actually be proposed but if it is, I would urge you to oppose it. I am writing both for myself and as a member of MOSES (Madison Organizing in Strength, Equity and Solidarity) which has taken an official position supporting funding for the OIM. MOSES has taken no position either for or against body worn cameras and we are aware that members of impacted communities disagree about whether they support body worn cameras. But we definitely oppose transferring money out of the OIM budget and into the police budget.

Thank you very much for your time.

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From: [Karen Reece](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
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Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 2:33:20 PM

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Alders,

It has come to my attention that there has been a late amendment proposed to defund the Office of the Independent Monitor and move those funds to the police department for body-worn cameras.

PLEASE MAINTAIN FUNDING FOR THE OIM! (And support the increase for the data analyst) The subject of body worn cameras has been debated to death. The people have consistently shared that we want to maintain the OIM. This is a far more effective and comprehensive method for addressing issues than body-worn cameras.

Also, this is a pretty big change and it's disingenuous to propose such an amendment at the last minute when the public has limited ability to weigh in- especially on an issue the public has been so passionate about.

Alder Knox: I am in your district and 100% do not support this amendment. Please reconsider.

Thank you

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Karen Reece, PhD (pronouns: she/her/they/them)
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From: [Eric Howland](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Opposition to amendments to defund the Office of the Independent Monitor
Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 4:30:07 PM

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My name is Eric Howland, a resident of Madison District 13. I am a member of MOSES.

My understanding is that tonight an amendment will be made to defund the Office of the Independent Monitor and transfer those funds to the Madison Police Department. I write to oppose any such amendments.

Police are given the most life changing power in our society. It is critical that our legal system is operating in the way that, as a society, we intend it to operate. The OIM and PCOB are essential in providing a window into Madison's policing using an independent community lens. A lens which includes full participation by impacted community members. This is a perspective that is not often heard in policy discussions.

The OIM and PCOB alone will not ensure our legal system operates the way we want, but these entities provide key information that will ground the kind of multi-dimensional solutions needed to address complex and interconnected social issues.

I ask that you do not let a last minute amendment eliminate this voice.

Thank you for your consideration.
Eric Howland

From: [Devon Snyder](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Item #4
Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 4:28:09 PM

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Dear Alders,

Studies show that police are more likely to use excessive or fatal force in areas with high crime rates, economic disadvantage, and low-income populations-more specifically, communities of color. The disparities in policing in communities of color have caused distrust between those said communities and the police. This is why the Office of the Independent Monitor is essential to my and other people of color's livelihoods.

I am writing to state my opposition to the budget amendment being introduced to defund the Office of the Independent Monitor. This police oversight agency provides functions that are essential to achieving racial and social equity in this city. The creation of a police oversight agency in a city has been shown to reduce racial disparities in arrests and officer-involved deaths. The OIM needs adequate funding to continue researching racially- biased policing to ensure its erasure.

Alders should recognize the value that the OIM brings to people in the community, especially people of color who have a history of mistrust and mistreatment with police. It is important to rebuild this trust and foster an environment where people of color can feel heard, feel protected, and feel safe from police harm. We have the power to eliminate racially biased policing. Time after time, "brotherhood" always protects "brotherhood." It's time to promote a culture where police can be held accountable. It's time to create a culture where people of color don't have to have fear for their safety while interacting with police.

As a PCOB member and as a black male, I respectfully request voting against the budget amendment to defund the Office of the Independent Monitor. This office is vital to the livelihoods of people of color.

Thank you for your attention to this consequential matter,

Devon Snyder

From: [Stephanie Rearick](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Keep funding for OIM
Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2025 4:32:50 PM

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Dear alders,

I'm writing to ask you to reject any amendment to the 2026 operating budget that shifts funding from the Office of the Independent Monitor.

Madison has an opportunity to institutionalize more effective, humane, and just policing practices that goes far beyond anything that could be accomplished with body-worn cameras.

The Office of the Independent Monitor is an important part of Madison's efforts to live up to its reputation as host to a police force with an emphasis on real community policing. Please vote to maintain funding levels.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Stephanie Rearick
PCOB member

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