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Dear Alders,

Just a quick update in advance of Finance Committee today. Given this week's historic events, I wanted to expedite the Independent Police Auditor position taking advantage of a required Finance Committee meeting on the calendar for today that would allow us to advance the position to the June 16 Common Council meeting.

On Monday, I introduced in Legistar the auditor position with the intention of tracking the Ad Hoc Committee recommendations and further discussing with the Common Council what aspects and authority should be divided between the civilian oversight committee and the individual auditor, what aspects should be part of a position description and what should be part of a work plan. For instance, by City ordinance, subpoena powers are not granted to individuals, but to committees to preserve transparency and democratic oversight, and to prevent the abuse of power.

I can see now that the draft was incomplete and left gaps. It did not adequately address my thinking or the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee. I have authored a substitute that better reflects both. Additionally, I wanted to reiterate for you, and explain to the public, that this position is similar to other City manager/department head positions. A candidate is nominated by the Mayor for a five-year contract and approved by City Council. Once hired, a City manager cannot be fired except with the concurrence of both entities, and most importantly - the auditor will be fully independent of the Police Department.

My hope is that we can move this draft to the next step in Common Council next week. With Council approval, HR will post the job immediately. I truly believe we should not wait months before getting someone hired – our community needs us to move this position forward. If we need further amendments to the ordinance, resolution, or job description, let's make them now. I hope you will support moving this important position forward.

Be well –
Mayor Satya

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Satya", is written below the typed name.