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Commissioners:

Thank you for your diligence in the hiring process. Moving forward, I hope that you will prioritize the selection of a local candidate. In these uncertain times, it is important that the candidate starts off with a familiarity with the expectations of the residents and a history of the workings of the City and MPD

I would like to support the application of Interim Chief John Patterson. He has the knowledge and emotional intelligence that is needed in this position. His extensive experience with MPD is an attribute that should not be understated.

As we've seen in his responses to recent incidents, he has the calm demeanor that can project confidence and assurance that, in the end, we will be all right.

I support Interim Chief John Patterson 1,000%.

Janet Hirsch  
District 9