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To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: OIPM support
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 12:15:09 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing as a very concerned citizen and resident of Madison, Wisconsin (East Side).

I am both deeply saddened and outraged by the murder of Mr. Corey Ruiz at the hands of the MPD, and as a relatively new resident of our beloved Madison, have only recently become aware of the significant history and devastating trend of racialized/racist policing in Madison. This must be interrupted and course-corrected, both for the sake of our people and our police officers. We must restore trust in the MPD, especially with our Black and Brown neighbors and our young people.

Please REJECT the current and/or any ordinance amendment(s) that undermine the City of Madison OIPM.

Please SUPPORT retaining the current interim IPM, **Meeka Glass**, and make her the permanent IPM.

Please adequately FUND the OIPM. We must have full-time investigators, independent legal counsel, a case management system, and robust community outreach. Please REALLOCATE 1% (or more!) of the MPD's budget to the Office of Independent Police Monitoring. The MPD must be held accountable so that our community can heal and, together, set things right.

Thank you for your concerned attention to this urgent matter.

Please let our actions align with our stated shared values in Madison.

Sincerely,
Maribel Arce

From: [Morgan Adams](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Police Civilian Oversight Board Funding
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 4:13:15 PM

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I am appalled and grief-stricken over MPD's execution of a Black man, Corey Ruiz, yesterday.

This is clear evidence that there is a problem with the Madison Police Department and that the Police Civilian Oversight Board is a necessity which requires full funding. You must do everything in your power to ensure that funding and power is given to this board.

It is our moral imperative to not allow an execution like this to happen again and civilian oversight of the police is the current means to answer that imperative.

In mourning,
Morgan Adams
Middleton, WI 53562

From: [Nino Amato](#)
To: [Masood Akhtar](#)
Cc: [Mike McCabe](#); [Masood Akhtar](#); [Jeff Jacobson](#); [Caroline](#); [Eric Horn](#); [Amitabh-Deepa Pal](#); [apal@ffrf.org](#); [Steve Porter](#); [David Couper](#); [Eric Horn](#); [John Vaudreuil](#); [Kerry Hill](#); [kristinwhiteeagle@ho-chunk.com](#); [Martin Alvarado](#); [MICHAEL T LIGHT](#); [Pardeep](#); [philip.fransen](#); [rosenhagen@wisc.edu](#); [Dave Mahonney](#); [steves@gbt Outreach.org](#); [Emily Zachary](#); [Rick Orton](#)
Subject: The Death of Corey Ruiz Demands Our City To Confront a Painful Pattern.
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 3:05:06 PM
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I'm in agreement with Mike McCabe and Rick Orton. Below is my Facebook Post about the preventable shooting of Corey Ruiz. -- Nino

The Death of Corey Ruiz Demands Our City To Confront a Painful Pattern.

There is a sickening and recurring nightmare that many Madison residents experience whenever another fatal police shooting occurs. For many, the death of Corey Ruiz, a Black man reportedly experiencing a mental health crisis, evokes painful memories of Tony Robinson Jr., the 19-year-old Black man who was fatally shot by a Madison police officer in 2015. Although the circumstances of each case are different and the investigation into Mr. Ruiz's death remains under investigation, both tragedies have reignited questions about how our MPD responds when residents experience behavioral issues or a mental health crises.

Body Cameras Are Long Overdue

One reform should no longer be delayed: every Madison police officer should be equipped with a body-worn camera.

Body cameras cannot prevent every tragedy, but they can provide an objective record of critical incidents, strengthen public confidence, protect citizens and police officers from false allegations, and provide investigators and the media with valuable evidence.

Building Community Trust & The Need For New Leadership

The 2027 mayoral and City Council elections present an important opportunity to elect new city leadership committed to restoring public trust through greater transparency, MPD accountability, and effective public safety reforms.

That commitment should include comprehensive, ongoing de-escalation training for every Madison Police Department officer, along with the full implementation of body-worn cameras. These cameras must be governed by clear, transparent policies that protect citizens' privacy while ensuring appropriate public, media, and governmental access to recordings, consistent with Wisconsin law and established oversight requirements.

Public confidence in law enforcement is earned through public transparency, professional training and MPD accountability. By electing new leaders who prioritize these values and investing in modern policing practices and de-escalating training, Madison can rebuild trust between our community and the Madison Police Department.

— A.J. Nino Amato, UW-System, Criminal Justice Adjunct Professor & Emeritus UW System Board of Regents

On Fri, Jul 24, 2026 at 2:33 PM <rickorton@tds.net> wrote:

All,

I am with Mike, too many Black (young) men have fallen victim to police killing in this community and nationally. I would bet lots of money that fear, lack of empathy that would recognize the slain as a human being worthy of protection of the Constitution contributed to the killing.

Masood, I know we will never know all the reasons behind the killing. That, however, should not prevent us from raising our voice against such atrocities, even when it's probable the police officer involved will be vindicated by not breaking the rules or guidelines of the Madison Police Department. It's been more than a decade since Tony Robinson and it feels like nothing has changed - another one dead for no explicable reason.

I think Mike's commentary includes sufficient material to begin fashioning a letter to the Cap Times/ WSJ stating our views on the matter. Bottom line, I think most of us will agree that this killing was not right.

Although I am not able to provide primary leadership to the effort at this time, I'll volunteer to be part of that discussion/drafting.

Let me know when we choose to begin.

Rick Orton

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From: Mike McCabe <denimrebel.mm@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, July 24, 2026 1:01 PM

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Subject: Re: My column published today- America After 250- years remain a work in progress

One thing we know for certain about this incident and all the other police-involved killings that keep happening is what the 5th Amendment says: **No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law.** I hope the officer involved in this latest one gets what he denied Corey Ruiz, namely due process. I am so fucking tired of officers appointing themselves judge, jury and executioner. Their job is to protect public safety. Equally important to that duty is protecting the safety of the person who poses a threat to the community. The job is to safely take that individual into custody. It is impossible not to notice that again and again it is a young black male who does not get afforded that protection in these repeated incidents. The job is an impossibly difficult one, and an incredibly dangerous one. No one would be looked down upon for admitting they're not up for that danger, for being unwilling to risk being killed to protect the public. That comes with the job. So does an obligation to uphold the Constitution.

Caroline, you asked for perspectives. That is mine. I have no expectation that any statement or other kind of response will be forthcoming, and you shouldn't expect it either. It is not in this group's DNA.

On Fri, Jul 24, 2026 at 11:38 AM Masood Akhtar <MAkhtar@cleantechpartners.org> wrote:

Thanks, Caroline, and thank you, Jeff.

Do we have enough information to understand the reason(s) behind this killing? Once we have a clearer picture of the facts, we can determine our next steps.

Thank you, everyone. Masood

From: Jeff Jacobson <jdjacobson22@gmail.com>

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Subject: Re: My column published today- America After 250- years remain a work in progress

If we are to respond, I would suggest that we do so in a fashion that invites inclusive actions, proactive in a way that encourages whites to understand the black community and vice versa. We should all be upset by a shooting and our focus, as an organization, should be on proactive steps to prevent the next one.

Jeff

On Fri, Jul 24, 2026 at 10:36 AM Caroline <farleycsg@gmail.com> wrote:

I've been thinking about the recent shooting of another Black man in Madison. Given our mission as We Are Many: United Against Hate, I'd really value everyone's thoughts on whether we should respond publicly, and if so, what form that response might take—such as a statement or another way to acknowledge the tragedy and support the community. I'd appreciate hearing your perspectives on whether this feels appropriate for us and how we might approach it.

Caroline

On Sun, May 3, 2026 at 6:22 PM Masood Akhtar <MAkhtar@cleantechpartners.org> wrote:

FYI. Masood

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

America after 250 years remains a work in progress | Masood Akhtar

May 3, 2026

As the United States approaches the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, this moment should be more than a celebration. It is a time for reflection, education and renewed civic purpose. Few nations reach a quarter of a millennium without challenges and reinvention. America is defined not by perfection, but by its enduring commitment to liberty, opportunity and self-government -- even amid competing ideas and interests.



Milestone anniversaries remind us that these ideals are not self-sustaining. Each generation must learn, debate and choose to protect them. Civic education is essential in preparing young Americans to understand the nation's history and the responsibilities of citizenship. Engaging with the debates and sacrifices of the Founding Fathers deepens appreciation for the freedoms that sustain democracy.

Today's challenges call for reinvigorating these principles through education. Organizations like We Are Many – United Against Hate promote unity without demanding uniformity, fostering empathy and civic awareness through dialogue and storytelling.

As an immigrant from India, I came seeking freedom and opportunity. As America turns 250, may this milestone inspire not only pride, but also responsibility and a renewed commitment to one united republic for all (not us versus them).

Masood Akhtar, Madison



From: [Kayla Arntz](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: REQUEST: Full Funding for Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 3:15:44 PM

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Dear Madison Alders,

I am one of many who are upset, and write with a strong request for full funding for the Police Civilian Oversight Board.

Our community is hurting and angry.

A Madison Police Officer murdered a man in broad daylight.

I urge you to support the Police Civilian Oversight Board in providing them with the funding to organize for peace and safety in our community.

There are other options, police violence kills members of our community, and it's in your jurisdiction to support these alternatives.

Kayla arntz
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kiran Arora](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Police civilian oversight board requests
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:48:12 PM

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Good evening,

I am writing to urge you all to fully fund the police civilian oversight board and to stop with the ordinance amendments that are stripping their independence. Especially in light of the recent murder of Corey, a young black man. It is critical that we support organizations such as this one as our city is hurting.

Thank you,

Kiran Arora

From: [Mason Baloun](#)
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Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 7:56:42 AM

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Fund the police civilian oversight board. Our community needs this.

From: [Ellen Barnard](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Fully fund the OIPM now
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 4:39:36 PM

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Dear City of Madison Alders,

I watched the Mayor "we must do better" after the senseless killing of Corey Ruiz. The very *least* that we can do better is to fully fund the OIPM Request of \$900,000 so that the office can do its job.

I look forward to hearing what else the city will DO to end the senseless over-reactions of the police in situations where guns are inappropriately used in a challenging, but not life threatening encounter with black people.

Thank you,

Ellen

From: [Olivia Barrow](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Stop attacking the Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:48:17 PM

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I'm a Madison resident and I'm outraged about the police execution that happened on Willy Street today. I support the Police Civilian Oversight Board and I ask you to fully fund it and stop trying to strip its independence with these useless amendments.

Olivia Barrow
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(Based in Central U.S. Time)

From: [Lark Barzee](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Attn: All Y'all, Fund the Citizen Oversight Board!
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 7:56:56 AM

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Hello,

I'm deeply saddened to be writing today, but this is of the utmost importance. As a resident of Madison, WI, living in District 13 represented by Alder Tag Evers, I hereby make this request:

We need to work together as a community to hold our police force accountable for their actions, and how we do so peacefully is through our citizen oversight board. Please make this a priority to fully fund this resource so that we can keep our communities safe from everyone, civilian or police officer, who would cause unjust harm. Furthermore, any and all other resources we have as a community to pursue true justice and accountability should be utilized to ensure that our city can remain safe from all harm.

With tremendous sincerity,
Violet Barzee

From: [Jennifer Bastian](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: In response to the murder of Corey Ruiz
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Pronouns: she/her/hers

From: cjb21@juno.com
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Subject: Corey Ruiz
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 8:04:34 AM

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Dear Mayor and Alders,

I have lived in Madison for 30 years. I have taught in the Marquette-Lapham neighborhood for 21 years. I am a proud parent of an East High School student. At times, I've seen police build bridges with the community by showing up in spaces to create dialogue, and have been proud to see these community interactions.

However, I've also seen MPD leadership work to control the narrative when they should admit a failure that resulted in the death of citizens at the hands of police. I saw how the department worked to control the narrative and retain Matt Kenny after he killed Tony Robinson (a Marquette Elementary alumn). I saw how the department bungled the case of Paul Heenan who was killed outside a home in the Willy Street neighborhood, and then worked to defend their officers and control the narrative before admitting they did anything wrong. I've seen MPD act as though they are not accountable to this community and work to manipulate public opinion.

Thanks to the efforts of our community and Common Council, the MPD policy states that "under the totality of the circumstances, officers should attempt to slow down or stabilize the situation so that more time, options, and resources are available for the best possible resolution." This clearly did not happen in the way officers approached Mr. Ruiz.

The policy also states that de-escalation is a priority. The officers failed to follow the policies outlined below:

Effective use of back-up

Have only one officer communicate with the person at a time

Request additional personnel if indicated (e.g., Mental Health Officers (MHOs), Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) members, etc.)

Effective use of distance and time, when feasible

More distance generally creates more time to react, which allows more options to be considered (e.g., less lethal options, use of a ballistic shield, etc.)

When feasible, use additional time to increase the likelihood of a positive resolution

Effective use of cover/concealment

Placing or using environmental barriers between the person and officers

Effective communication from a safe position

Take steps to calm the person

Actively listen to the person's concerns

Explain the person's options

Orient the person to reality

Attempt to be truthful, when possible

If feasible, gather additional information about the person

Our community is rightfully enraged because leaders have taken steps to specifically guide the police with thoughtful recommendations developed with significant expert input. Shortly after Tony Robinson's killing, then-State Representative Chris Taylor helped establish more stringent policies on use of deadly force by police. Then in 2019, the Madison Common Council approved meaningful and specific use of force standards. MPD was given input into the committee's Recommendation 109 which require:

NECESSITY: Deadly force should only be used as a last resort. It is authorized only when all other available means of preventing immediate and grave danger have failed or would be likely to fail.

PROPORTIONALITY: The force used must be proportional to the threat posed. Officers must consider less harmful alternatives. Officers should begin thinking about proportionality as they approach an incident — not after the fact.

REASSESSMENT: Officers shall reassess the situation after each discharge of their firearm.

IMMEDIATE THREAT: Deadly force is only authorized when the threat is immediate.

TOTALITY OF CONDUCT: An officer's actions leading up to a use of force are part of the evaluation. Officers must not take actions that unnecessarily create the conditions requiring deadly force.

The only way to ensure that MPD is responsive to these mandates is to ensure community control of the police. The City of Madison must fully fund its Office of the Independent Police Monitor, and ensure that it has the authority and the institutional protection to review MPD policies and standard operating procedures. OIPM must be allowed to ensure that the actions and training of officers matches what the Council requires.

The community is owed an accounting of every Recommendation 109 requirement and exactly where the officers failed in their killing of Mr. Ruiz, along with other police misconduct. That accounting should come from an independent monitor with the authority to compel it.

As an educator, I can't safely look my beautiful Black and brown students in the eye and tell them they are safe in the eyes of police in this community. We must work to do better.

I look forward to hearing from you about what actions you will take.

Sincerely,

Carrie Beitleh (parent, educator, community member)

From: [Mary Jo Biebl-Yahnke](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Mary Biebl-Yahnke](#)
Subject: July 22 2026 Williamson St/Baldwin St Death
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Alders City of Madison:

THANK YOU for work/involvement in our city/District 6 after the July 22, 2026 incident, particularly recognizing Alder D. Mayer in my district, District 6.

I contact you, like others, with my concerns. I am asking all:

- 1) Please continue to fully support the complete and in depth investigation by the Dept of Justice Office of Criminal Investigation.
- 2) Support the OIM and Police Civilian Oversight Board regarding policies and activities.
- 3) I urge you to speak to the emotions in our city and county in order to reduce the heightened rhetoric we are seeing on both sides of the spectrum. Many citizens make judgements: ie, verbiage such as: "Murders" "Execution" and on the other spectrum "He had it coming" are bandied about--- before the criminal investigations & assessments are completed. Are you able to speak to the community to reduce this inflammatory rhetoric from both sides? My 2 cents, those types of words don't help. Thank you in advance concerning this point.
- 4) How can we make certain these issues do not continue to occur? What can be put in place by our community and our police so incidents such as this do not happen again?

I will continue to learn from you and the expertise of others to move forward so we can improve. Again, THANK YOU for all you are doing.

Thank you,
Kind regards,

Mary Biebl-Yahnke
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From: [Alli Biskowitz](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Fund the police civilian oversight board
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Fund the police civilian oversight board for police accountability investigations.
Alli Biskowitz

From: [noreply](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] Corey Ruiz Memorial
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 7:41:21 AM

Recipient: All Alders:

Monday, July 27, 2026 – 7:41am

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2450 E. Mifflin St.

Madison, Wisconsin. 53704 No, do not contact me. All Alders Corey Ruiz Memorial Let our mayor know do not move the Corey Ruiz memorial until these stipulations are met:

1. Arrest, Fire, and Deny paid leave of absence of Officer Kiel Peterson for the execution of Corey Ruiz.
2. The immediate public release of all video footage and audio footage including but not limited to dash camera, street cameras, house cameras, area businesses, and key witnesses.
3. An independent investigation by the Office of the Independent Police Monitor - not just DCI - and MPD must give unfettered access to the Office of the Independent Monitor and release all evidence and information they gave to DCI to the Office of the Independent Monitor immediately as per Ordinance MGO 19.
4. Full transparency regarding Corey's execution, and the complete use-of-force timeline.
5. Protection of the Independent Police Monitor's office and contract from political interference by agencies seeking to weaken police oversight.
6. The reopening of Richard Lee Johnson's case for criminal review, consistent with the Independent Monitor's findings.
7. Fire Officer Matt Kenny for the Murder of Tony Robinson and Remove him from the current and future trainings of MPD officers.

From: [Dorothy](#)
To: [Matthews, Julia](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Accountability - what happened to common sense
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 2:55:36 AM

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Alder Julia Matthews,

I find it hard to believe that our city leaders are allowing people to trash a neighborhood, shut down events and punish all the good people of Madison. What happened is a tragedy that wouldn't have happened if the courts/legal system had done their job and enforced the law, Corey would not be dead today because he would be in prison!!! READ his conviction records.

Our police should have had body cameras several years ago, but due to spending priorities of the mayor our tax dollars were wasted on the office of an independent police monitor.

I hope you do not sponsor the proposal to increase the funding and cut the police departments, it will be one more item the Corey's family will use to show the city was negligent in monitoring the police. When everyone else fails to do their job it falls on the police to clean it up and everyone points the finger at the police when a tragedy happens.

Accountability??? Was Corey ever held responsible for his actions?

Was Corey ever given the support he needed or was it easier to ignore his needs? Did it start in his home and family?

Did the school district fail him...could he read, was he held accountable for his behavior in school ? Did he fail at school and was passed to the next grade to get him through and out of the system?

Did our community leaders fail him by not holding him accountable and blaming racism, not his behavior?

We know the court system failed him by releasing him without providing mental health support, his release should have been based on his mental health.

Had Corey been held accountable for his behavior all these years he might not have been a threat to the community requiring police action.

The lack of respect shown to one of the finest police departments by our city leaders is copied by the criminals in our community that have been given the key to the city.
Support the police and let them do their job.

Please step up and represent the silent majority of your constituents, not some protesters from other communities.

Dorothy Borchardt
1717 Elka Lane

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From: [Samantha Bosco](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Corey Ruiz Memorial Site
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:24:06 PM

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Greetings Alders of Madison,

My name is Samantha Bosco, I am a resident in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood, only several blocks away from the brutal public execution of Corey Durrell Ruiz by MPD officer Kiel Peterson.

I was present at the scene while the police were still wiping away fragments of Corey's once living body from the pavement. I have been present at the memorial site for several days since Wednesday, July 22 - a gorgeous transmutation of a horrible heart break. It is a place where neighbors support each other in the ways that this supposedly liberal and progressive city has not been able to and at times actively works against.

It is a peaceful and organized memorial site that is here to stay until our community's demands are met. We refuse to relocate until the city of Madison makes true transformational change to ensure that this never happens again.

I urge you to pressure Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway to stand down from mobilizing the police to dismantle Corey's memorial at the intersection of Baldwin and Willy St and to fully support the people's demands to:

1. hold officer Kiel Peterson fully accountable for his crime
2. facilitate the transfer of all information related to the murder of Corey Ruiz to the Police Civilian Oversight Committee, and
3. Adequately fund the Office of the Independent Police Monitor at a level equivalent to 5% of MPD's budget (\$90M)

Thank you for your careful attention to this urgent tragedy.

The image, character, and moral fiber of this city are in your hands.

Regards,
Samantha

From: [Inés Botto](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support for Police Civilian Oversight Board
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Dear Madison Alders,

I am a resident of the Wilmar neighborhood, and I am writing today to urge you to fully fund the Police Civilian Oversight Board. The police's murder of Corey Ruiz yesterday is just the latest example of something we've known for a long time: that the police force must be substantially reformed to actually keep us safe. Fully funding the Police Civilian Oversight Board is the first step in ensuring a safer Madison.

I would also like to see the Alders and the Police Civilian Oversight Board leverage their power to ensure an independent investigation and advocate for meaningful accountability. Corey Ruiz deserves justice, and the Madison community deserves better.

Please don't let this happen again.

Thank you,

Inés Botto
1211 Rutledge St.

From: [Pam Brandt](#)
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In solidarity with those who have been traumatized by violence at the hands of police, I want the following:

Appoint Aeramique Glass as the permanent Independent Police Monitor.

Reject all ordinance amendments that weaken the independence or authority of the Office of the Independent Police Monitor (OIPM) or the Police Civilian Oversight Board (PCOB).

Vote on these issues on August 4. Do not postpone these decisions to September.

Fully fund the OIPM with the investigators, independent legal counsel, case management systems, and community outreach staff needed to provide meaningful civilian oversight.

I strongly believe Madison deserves transparent, independent oversight of its police department to protect ALL people in our city and support the officers who know and do better.

Sincerely,
Pam Brandt
District 15

From: [Finn Bratt](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 9:32:07 PM

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I am writing in regards to the police shooting of an unarmed, subdued individual today on Williamson Street. This matter needs to be fully investigated, which means the oversight board needs full funding and leadership independent of the MPD. "Innocent Until Proven Guilty" does not mean "Innocent Until One Resists Arrest", nor does resisting arrest sentence someone to summary execution by the ostensible "protectors". This event is appalling and devastating, and I'm frankly terrified of the cops. Please fund the civilian Oversight Board.

Regards,
Josephine Bratt

From: [Derek Braucht](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Common Council Requests
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 10:59:28 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing as a concerned resident to urge you to support strong, independent civilian oversight of our police department.

As a member of the Common Council, I respectfully ask that you:

- Appoint Aeramique Glass as the permanent Independent Police Monitor.
- Reject any ordinance amendments that would weaken the independence or authority of the Office of the Independent Police Monitor (OIPM) or the Police Civilian Oversight Board (PCOB).
- Vote on these important issues on August 4 and do not postpone these decisions until September.
- Fully fund the OIPM by providing the investigators, independent legal counsel, case management systems, and community outreach staff necessary to ensure meaningful and effective civilian oversight.

An independent and well-resourced oversight system is essential for transparency, accountability, and public trust. Our community deserves an oversight office that has both the authority and the resources to carry out its responsibilities effectively.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your consideration of these important requests. I appreciate your leadership and hope you will stand in support of strong, independent police oversight.

Sincerely,

Derek Braucht

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Derek Braucht

From: [Katherine Charek Briggs](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Police oversight board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:48:14 PM

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Alders:

Please fully fund the police civilian oversight board and do not approve the amendments that constrain their independence and the independence of the monitor.

Katherine Briggs
2037 E Washington Ave.
Madison

From: [Jeff Burkhart](#)
To: [Mayor](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Fully fund OIPM immediately
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 9:05:20 AM

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To Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway: mayor@cityofmadison.com

All Alders: allalders@cityofmadison.com

Dear Mayor and Alders,

I have lived in Madison for 26 years. At times, I've seen police build bridges with the community by showing up in spaces to create dialogue, and have been proud to see these community interactions.

However, I've also seen MPD leadership work to control the narrative when they should admit a failure that resulted in the death of citizens at the hands of police. I saw how the department worked to control the narrative and retain Matt Kenny after he killed Tony Robinson. I saw how the department bungled the case of Paul Heenan who was killed outside a home in the Willy Street neighborhood, and then worked to defend their officers and control the narrative before admitting they did anything wrong. I've seen MPD act as though they are not accountable to this community, and work to manipulate public opinion.

Thanks to the efforts of our community and Common Council, the MPD policy states that "under the totality of the circumstances, officers should attempt to slow down or stabilize the situation so that more time, options, and resources are available for the best possible resolution." This clearly did not happen in the way officers approached Mr. Ruiz.

The policy also states that de-escalation is a priority. The officers failed to follow the policies outlined below:

Effective use of back-up

- - Have only one officer communicate with the person at a time
- - Request additional personnel if indicated (e.g., Mental Health Officers

(MHOs), Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) members, etc.)

Effective use of distance and time, when feasible

- More distance generally creates more time to react, which allows more options to be considered (e.g., less lethal options, use of a ballistic shield, etc.)
- When feasible, use additional time to increase the likelihood of a positive resolution

Effective use of cover/concealment

- Placing or using environmental barriers between the person and officers

Effective communication from a safe position

- Take steps to calm the person
- Actively listen to the person's concerns
- Explain the person's options
- Orient the person to reality
- Attempt to be truthful, when possible
- If feasible, gather additional information about the person

Our community is rightfully enraged because leaders have taken steps to specifically guide the police with thoughtful recommendations developed with significant expert input. Shortly after Tony Robinson's killing, then-State Representative Chris Taylor helped establish more stringent policies on use of deadly force by police. Then in 2019, the Madison Common Council approved meaningful and specific use of force standards. MPD was given input into the committee's Recommendation 109 which require:

NECESSITY: Deadly force should only be used as a last resort. It is authorized only when all other available means of preventing immediate and grave danger have failed or would be likely to fail.

PROPORTIONALITY: The force used must be proportional to the threat posed. Officers must consider less harmful alternatives. Officers should begin thinking about proportionality as they approach an incident — not after the fact.

REASSESSMENT: Officers shall reassess the situation after each discharge of their firearm.

IMMEDIATE THREAT: Deadly force is only authorized when the threat is immediate.

TOTALITY OF CONDUCT: An officer's actions leading up to a use of force are part of the evaluation. Officers must not take actions that unnecessarily create the conditions requiring deadly force.

The only way to ensure that MPD is responsive to these mandates is to ensure community control of the police. The City of Madison must fully fund its Office of the Independent Police Monitor, and ensure that it has the authority and the institutional protection to review MPD policies and standard operating procedures. OIPM must be allowed to ensure that the actions and training of officers matches what the Council requires.

The community is owed an accounting of every Recommendation 109 requirement and exactly where the officers failed in their killing of Mr. Ruiz, along with other police misconduct. That accounting should come from an independent monitor with the authority to compel it.

I look forward to hearing from you about what actions you will take.

Jeff Burkhart
109 N Sixth Street
Madison WI 53704

From: [Vivian Burnette](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Police Civilian Oversight Board & Body Cams
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 8:11:24 PM

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Dear Madison Alders,

I am a lifelong Madison resident and am heartbroken and angered by yesterday's MPD murder of Corey Ruiz. I request that all alders support full funding for the Police Civilian Oversight Board and funding for body cams for all members of the MPD. You have the responsibility to support policies that keep our community safe. Please do the right thing.

All the best,
Vivian Burnette

From: [Edward Cao](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Recent Police Shooting in Madison, WI
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 9:30:29 PM

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Good evening,

I am a very concerned citizen and longtime Madison resident, represented by Alder John P. Guequierre of District 19. I have many friends and family members who live in the city and this recent shooting of a subdued individual troubles me deeply. Resisting arrest and any of the crimes that the (now deceased) victim may have committed did not warrant his cold-blooded murder by a member of the MPD.

We need to **fully fund the civilian oversight board** to ensure this instance can be properly investigated and the officers responsible can face the consequences of their actions. Policemen, like every servicemember, should uphold the law and provide safety for their communities; in this instance, they have failed in every aspect.

Very Respectfully,
Edward

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From: [Samantha Carroll](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Recommendation 109
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 7:48:29 AM

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Hello Alders,

I was made aware that recommendation 109 was adopted in 2019 but never implemented. Now one of our community members, Corey Ruiz, is dead by the hands of the Police. I am holding this council accountable for that failure. We are owed an accounting of every recommendation 109 requirement and where MPD stands on each one.

We need change in this city, this cannot keep happening. Our community is hurting.

Samantha Carroll
(608) 513-5781

From: [D.Chungyalpa](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Corey Ruiz
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 10:59:32 PM

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Dear Alders,

The Madison that you represent is fearful, distraught, and heart-broken. It is fatigued. The sanctity of human life is the greatest moral code and no argument that the victim broke a law can excuse the taking of it.

The culture of police impunity has risen in our nation because the system has forgotten that there is a basic condition to why the police are allowed immunity– the police are supposed to protect the public's constitutional rights and not violate them. We have a justice system where the authority of the state receives a cloak of protection that we as individual civilians do not. And, so we, the people, are the ones being bullied, chased down, abducted, and executed in broad daylight with zero assurance that the perpetrators will be held to account because they happen to be in uniform. The pushback we hear over and over again is that this happens because the victim broke the law – what about the laws the police (and as it happens, ICE, break)? Both the 5th and the 14th amendment make it clear that the state cannot deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. When someone cloaked in a uniform representing the State takes the law in their own hands, without due process, and kills a civilian that is already disarmed and lying on the ground, that is murder. That is state violence.

Corey was a human being that was alive just a few days ago. There is absolutely no justification that makes up for his death. He leaves behind a daughter and a family that will never heal from this horror. His death retraumatizes thousands of our friends and neighbors who feel unsafe right now in this city and county we love. We need police accountability. We need our elected officials to protect the people and put our interests first. We need an independent investigation into Corey Ruiz's killing. We need cameras on Madison's cops. We need to strengthen the Police Civilian Oversight Board. Healing begins with accountability and accountability requires justice.

Dekila Chungyalpa

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From: [Liliana Coelho](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Mayer, Davy](#)
Subject: Request: Full Funding for Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 11:39:01 AM

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Dear Alder Mayer and all Madison Alders,

I write this email with a heavy heart, and with a strong **request for full funding for the Police Civilian Oversight Board**.

Our community is hurting and angry.

The Madison Police Department murdered a man.

Please support the Police Civilian Oversight Board in providing them with the capacity to continue to organize for peace and safety in our community.

Sincerely,
Liliana

From: [Bethany Cooke](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Comments on upcoming common council meetings
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 6:17:27 PM

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Please note the following comments related to excessive use of force in the Madison Police Department, following the harrowing tragedy we saw on Wednesday July 22nd, 2026.

My intention is for these to be read at the related meeting on Sept 22nd, if this agenda item was removed from Aug 4. Thanks:

Our police have rainbows on their vehicles, representing their allyship with the LGBTQIA+ community. That's wonderful. Some cars have puzzle pieces, representing Autism Awareness. MPD, the city of Madison & Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway have the opportunity to set a precedent in this city.

You had this same chance in 2015 following the murder of Tony Robinson, at the hands of Officer Matthew Kenny whom remains serving on the MPD force to this day. It's not often folks are given second chances, and here is your's. Presented to you so perfectly with a bow tied on top.

Now, I did not know Corey Ruiz or Tony Robinson personally, nor did I know Paulie or Richard, who MPD also killed. I did not know Kevin Price, who Fitchburg PD murdered in 2024 responding to a wellness check of Kevin who was in a mental health crisis. I did not know Rashad, Aaron or Aajayah, whom Monona PD murdered in a high speed chase. None of these people were found guilty of a crime in the instances resulting in their deaths, but they all met their end at the hands of an entity we are told is meant to "protect & serve us all."

The reality of policing is this: Black people are incarcerated at higher rates than their white counterparts, for the same crimes, with harsher sentences or fines. The cash bail system is a scam meant to keep poor people jailed and those who follow the status quo in line. I'm saying we are done with the status quo—we are sick of watching police kill our neighbors. I'm angry Corey Ruiz's little girl has to dodge video footage of her father's execution on social media. I'm absolutely pissed that you keep stealing loved people based off of your anxiety and inability to self regulate.

As a social worker, do better. Not only for my friends, family & neighbors but for the future generations. They already do not have trust in these systems, and you continue to reinforce their distrust.

We the people demand the continued funding and support of the Civilian Police Oversight Board, diverting funds from armed militants such as police to essential social services directly working to solve our homeless/poverty crisis in this city.

Multiple systems failed Corey & many of you sitting up there have never known the struggle of not having a roof over your head, a dollar to your name, a pot to piss in, nor the knowledge of when your next meal will come.

Madison WI is the worst place for Black Americans to live, yet we are a safe haven for trans folks. THEY DO NOT HAVE TO BE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE! Show us you value every single one of your citizens and not just the ones that look and talk like you.

Do better, Madison.

Thank you.

Bethany Cooke

From: [Bethany Cooke](#)
Subject: Community of Madison & honoring lives lost
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 3:57:29 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am writing today to voice a few of my concerns & opinions, as a concerned resident. I am a school social worker in MMSD, which gives me a very valuable vantage point on the systems in our city and the gaps in between.

All opinions are my own and do not reflect on the school district, however, my role as a social worker demands that I fight for social justice in order to create better outcomes for generations to come.

Like you, I witnessed Officer Kiel Batinger-Peterson murder Corey Durrell Ruiz, viewing a video that was posted to social media of the incident, on a Wednesday afternoon, while I was relaxing at the nail salon.

I can't say in confidence "like you, I was sick to my stomach," because many people laughed, cheered at, or found ways to excuse Corey's murder..but I was sick to my stomach. One watch through of the video was enough for me to see blatant intentional murder in Batinger-Peterson's actions. One of his responding co-officers, a blonde woman, had shouted "TASER! TASER!" before deploying, and while that was actively taking down Corey, this Madison Police Officer appeared to have grabbed Corey by the head as he intentionally & decisively shot Corey three times. It's worth noting Officer Batinger-Peterson didn't warn his fellow officers he wasn't going to fire his weapon. We also have yet to see proof of Officer Batinger-Peterson's "injury."

I have spoken to two witnesses who happened to be there, personally. One was the salon owner who was on his way to work, and I overheard him debriefing with his colleagues, very shaken and clearly traumatized. The other person I know who witnessed it had interacted with Corey at the co-op before the sirens came to Willy and pursued Corey. She said he put a bike in the rack, did not appear in visible distress, nor did he hint at being a threat to her or anyone else in the area. Then the sirens came, he was gone and a few moments later, she heard the 3 shots. Interestingly, this friend of mine who witnessed the incident had an interaction with Officer Batinger-Peterson 1-2 weeks prior to Corey's death at a traffic stop, where, she reported to me, Batinger-Peterson was very arrogant, rude, and short with her. She has made a complaint about this to the internal affairs office. I say this because it identifies a pattern in this officer's general demeanor in interacting with the public.

I, like many others in this city, state and beyond are demanding Justice... not only for Corey Ruiz, but for all lives taken by the hands of Madison Police.

We demand, and will not tolerate anything less than the following:

- Arrest and fire officer Kiel Batinger-Peterson, ensuring he cannot hold a weapon permitted by law enforcement anywhere again
- remove officer Matt Kenny, the officer who killed Tony Robinson in 2015, from any training positions within the MPD.
- MPD & DCI need to support the office of the independent police monitor in their investigation by allowing her to review ALL evidence, as is permitted to her per her job description. MPD & DCI must be in full compliance with the office of the independent police monitor's investigation
- permanently create a memorial on Williamson Street in honor of all the lives taken by Madison Police in that area (Corey Ruiz, Tony Robinson, Paul Heenan & one more whose name escapes me) — my suggestion is creating small roundabouts that not only slow traffic, but feature central community gardens & memorials to those MPD has murdered.
- your full support of the police civilian oversight board by allowing the board 5% of MPD's annual budget.
- KEEP FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING OUR SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS!!! Quit criminalizing

homelessness!

Madison could use a heightened minimum wage and an AGGRESSIVE approach from the city in making housing more accessible and affordable to all in this city by disallowing AirBnBs/VRBOs...to start.

As a social worker, I understand how generational poverty leads to generational trauma, untreated mental health leads often to substance use, and the cost of living and lack of resources leads to folks needing to find ways to survive, including, unfortunately, stealing property. Corey Ruiz's daughter is yet another Black child having to grow up without her father, due to the state choosing to label her father a threat to the public. Officer Kiel Batinger-Peterson feels more of a threat to the general public than any unhoused person I've encountered in our city.

The execution of Corey Ruiz feels to me like MPD is trying to exterminate homeless people in preparation for the new men's shelters.

Thank you for your time and efforts in bringing justice to all lives lost to state violence, and making sure Madison is a welcoming place for ALL.

Bethany Cooke
3836 Maple Grove Drive Apt 113
Madison, WI 53719

608-432-4916

From: [Alex Coxhead](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Killing of Corey
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:51:11 PM

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I am asking that you fully fund the civilian oversight committee so these incidents can have proper eyes on them. We need justice. I am an engineer for Dane County. I am a concerned citizen. This is unacceptable and needs proper eyes on it. Corey's life matters. Funding this committee is an actionable step to help this.

Black Lives Matter.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do the right thing. We are all in this together.

Best,
-Alex Coxhead

From: [Crystal](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: URGENT: Increase funding and jurisdiction of the Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 7:56:59 AM

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Hello,

Have you considered that now, more than ever, is the time to increase community oversight over the MPD? Whoever shot Corey Ruiz today should not only be fired, but banned from ever being a part of a police force ever again and facing criminal charges in court. But our tiny oversight board here in Madison doesn't have the power to fire individual police officers for their actions. How are they supposed to hold the MPD accountable when something like this happens?

You have to think about this from a safety perspective. If the MPD keeps white people safe in Madison, the PCOB keeps everyone safe. What does that say when they get less than 1% of the funding that MPD gets? In a nation that allows a cop to pull a firearm on a restrained, unarmed man, don't you think police oversight should be getting some more attention?

The community members that are going to be the most active with this board are naturally already those who are most affected by police violence and bias. That's why you simply can't make PCOB into a checkbox that says you've fulfilled some kind of "community oversight" requirement. People will find out. It will not be pretty when they realize that their safety has been taken as some trivial matter. If the city of Madison actually cares about the safety of every resident, this has to change now.

The ask is simple: follow Freedom Inc's recommendation to increase PCOB funding to 5% of the MPD. That's measly compared to what the MPOD has, but this matters right now. And **increase the jurisdiction of the PCOB to allow them the power of hiring/firing individual officers, creating new policies over the MPD, and making the board fully independent from the city.** That's how you empower the community to make meaningful improvements in matters of their own safety.

Respectfully,
Crystal

From: [Lynn Currie](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: The Office of the Independent Police Monitor
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 9:06:45 AM

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Hi Madison Alders -

I am a 19 year resident of Madison's west side. First, I want to thank you for your service on the Council. Your commitment to representing and advocating for your community is valuable.

Today I am writing to ask you to give full consideration to authorize full funding of the OIPM.

Please vote to redirect 1 percent of MPD's budget cut \$900,000 to the office meant to hold them accountable.

This additional funding for the OIPM will provide a large enough budget to fund full-time investigators, independent legal counsel, a case management system, and community outreach.

Our community is safer and stronger with true accountability from the community itself.

Thank you for your consideration. I'm looking forward to attending the upcoming meeting in order to support this budget reallocation.

Take care,
Lynn

Lynn Currie
606 Orchard Drive

From: [jeanette dainty](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Marquette neighborhood safety
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 9:19:58 PM

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I'm writing in response to today's shooting by police officers in the neighborhood where I work and shop and have lived. In my 28 years in Madison, WI I have seen little progress in regards to safety in Marquette neighborhood. I have witnessed homeless encampments and people allowed to commit crime and openly operate drug sales and have been a victim of theft. I have seen businesses struggling because of vandalism and theft. I have been in Mc Pike park and have been harassed by people who are asking for money to buy alcohol and drugs. I do not blame them- I blame the lack of social services and resources and responsibility that our mayor and alders and police officers have given. I'm embarrassed and angry and want action and actual change. The shooting today by police officers is unacceptable. The response to something that could have been neutralized peacefully and harmoniously and obviously was not is unacceptable. To you - the alders and the Mayor - if you want progress and to see your community succeed with development for what is obviously leaning toward those who are upper middle class and for those who you want to invigorate and stimulate our economy- if you want progressive solutions then you need to introduce them. Make opportunities for the homeless and those who are living with addiction. And for the love of all that is sacred in humanity - build a police force that is educated to help people and stop killing the innocent. A man had a knife- can we not educate our police forces to talk and discuss disarmament before we choose to use guns as weapons??? Police officers should be required to go through thorough background checks and training for peaceful assembly and not bear arms. I'm begging you- as alders in our community to learn from this and resolve these issues.

Jeanette Dainty

From: [Katelyn Danielson](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Fully Fund the Police Oversight Board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 5:48:05 PM

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Dear Alderpersons,

I am writing to urge you to fully fund Madison's civilian police oversight board.

The recent fatal police shooting over an alleged bicycle theft has deeply shaken my confidence in the Madison Police Department. I believe it is unacceptable that a situation involving suspected property crime ended with the loss of a person's life. To me, this raises serious questions about proportionality, decision-making, and accountability.

An independent, adequately funded civilian oversight board is essential. If the public had confidence that the police department consistently held its officers accountable and prioritized practices that made all members of our community feel safe and protected, there would not be such a strong demand for independent oversight. Unfortunately, that confidence has been eroded for many residents.

Police officers encounter complex situations every day, but there are countless tools beyond the use of deadly force. Investment in crisis intervention, de-escalation, mental health response, community-based services, and other evidence-based approaches can help resolve difficult situations without ending a person's life. Deadly force should be an absolute last resort and not a response to suspected property crime.

I do not believe it is a radical position to expect that the Madison Police Department should do everything possible to avoid killing people and reserve lethal force only for situations where there is truly no other option. That expectation is fundamental to public trust.

I ask that you support and fully fund the civilian oversight board so it has the independence, staffing, and resources necessary to provide meaningful oversight. Madison deserves a system that builds public confidence through transparency, accountability, and a commitment to preserving human life whenever possible.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our community.

Sincerely,

Katie Danielson, MSW

From: [Jerry Darda](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: recent tragedy
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 8:15:34 AM

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Yesterday's tragic death of a suspect fleeing the Madison police, calls for the immediate funding of body cameras to help clarify who was at fault.

Our police-hating mayor and others of you have already served as judge, jury and executioner, accusing and condemning the police officers for this tragedy. The mayor concluded the officers escalated rather than de-escalated the situation without a shred of evidence. Brandi Grayson, who has a personal history of not following the law, said the shooting 'was part of a system that sees Black pain as a threat' including other ramblings that made zero sense.

Nowhere in any news coverage was there even the slightest suggestion that the suspect may have been at fault since a police officer was injured by a knife. I expect city leadership to withhold judgement on issues like this until a thorough investigation is complete. Your condemning police officers prematurely is unfair and irresponsible and unnecessarily inflamed emotions which disrupted a city event and could have caused further injury. WAKE UP AND BE FAIR. AND REASONABLE AND SHOW SOME PATIENCE UNTIL ALL FACTS ARE IN. Finally, if it is found that the police officers acted appropriately and in self defense, are you prejudgers going to publicly apologize? Thank you Sheila Stubbs for supporting body cameras.

From: [Jerry Darda](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Fwd: recent tragedy
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 10:19:59 AM

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I forgot to sign the above complaint;

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Subject: recent tragedy
To: <allalders@cityofmadison.com>

Yesterday's tragic death of a suspect fleeing the Madison police, calls for the immediate funding of body cameras to help clarify who was at fault. Our police-hating mayor and others of you have already served as judge, jury and executioner, accusing and condemning the police officers for this tragedy. The mayor concluded the officers escalated rather than de-escalated the situation without a shred of evidence. Brandi Grayson, who has a personal history of not following the law, said the shooting 'was part of a system that sees Black pain as a threat' including other ramblings that made zero sense. Nowhere in any news coverage was there even the slightest suggestion that the suspect may have been at fault since a police officer was injured by a knife. I expect city leadership to withhold judgement on issues like this until a thorough investigation is complete. Your condemning police officers prematurely is unfair and irresponsible and unnecessarily inflamed emotions which disrupted a city event and could have caused further injury. WAKE UP AND BE FAIR. AND REASONABLE AND SHOW SOME PATIENCE UNTIL ALL FACTS ARE IN. Finally, if it is found that the police officers acted appropriately and in self defense, are you prejudgers going to publicly apologize? Thank you Sheila Stubbs for supporting body cameras.

From: [Jodi Darst](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: police use of force- we need you to speak up
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 11:22:07 AM

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To our alders,
I deeply appreciate all you do.
We need you today, to step up to defend our most vulnerable community members.

The 2019 Council adoption of the MPD Policy and Procedure Review Committee full report represented a commitment to us, the residents, to hold the MPD responsible for implementing specific standards on the use of force. MPD is not following those standards. Now, Corey Ruiz is dead.

You must hold MPD responsible for failure to implement these recommendations. We need you to act to prevent the next death.

Jodi Darst
2 Knutson Dr
Madison

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Pg 106, recommendation #109-

Recommendation #109:

MPD should incorporate the following precautionary principles into its Use of Force SOPs and MPD officers should be trained accordingly:

- Necessity: Deadly force should only be used as a last resort. The necessity to use deadly force arises when all other available means of preventing immediate and grave danger to officers or other persons have failed or would be likely to fail.
- Proportionality: When force is needed, the force used shall be in proportion to the threat posed. Department members will use only the force that is proportional to the threat, actions, and level of resistance offered by a subject. Proportionality involves officers: (1) using only the level of force necessary to mitigate the threat and safely achieve lawful objectives; (2) considering, if appropriate, alternate force options that are less likely to result in injury but will allow officers to achieve lawful objectives; and (3) considering the appropriateness of officers' actions. Proportional force does not require officers to use the same type or amount of force as the subject. The concept of proportionality does not mean that officers, at the moment they have determined that a particular use of force is necessary and appropriate to mitigate a threat, should stop and consider how their actions will be viewed by others. Rather, officers should begin considering what might be appropriate and proportional as they approach an incident, and they should keep this consideration in their minds as they are assessing the situation and deciding how to respond. Proportionality also considers the nature and severity of the underlying events.
- Reassessment: Officers shall reassess the situation after each discharge of their firearm.
- Totality of officer conduct: The reasonableness of an officer's use of force includes consideration of the officer's tactical conduct and decisions leading up to the use of force. Police officers shall ensure their actions do not precipitate the use of deadly force by placing themselves or others in jeopardy by taking unnecessary, overly aggressive, or improper actions. It is often a tactically superior police procedure to

withdraw, take cover or reposition, rather than the immediate use of force.

- o Immediate threat: Deadly force is only authorized if the threat is immediate. A threshold of "immediate threat" reflects language in United States Supreme Court decisions. The latest model use of force policy published by the International Association of Chiefs of Police eliminates the term "imminent." [PWG #51]

Discussion: This recommendation derives from the Final Report of the Common Council President's

From: [Clarissa Lynn](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Funding police oversight board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 12:26:40 PM

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Hello, fellow people who care deeply about our city,

My name is Clarissa Dietz. I live here in Madison. I am writing due to the senseless and avoidable tragedy that occurred yesterday on Williamson and Baldwin, where a Madison police officer shot a man and killed him. I do not understand why people with guns are sent to deal with nonviolent situations, or why these public employees are trained to escalate these situations to violence. A man was seen looking at bikes or trying to open car doors--police arrived and he ran away. It should have ended there: why did they need to chase him? Why did they need to terrify him to the point where he felt he needed to defend himself? I do not know anyone who, if given the choice, would choose the death of a human being over a stolen bicycle or other petty theft. It breaks my heart.

I am writing to request full funding for the police oversight board. Civilian oversight is so far below the bare minimum of what we owe to our community members, but it would be an important step on a long journey toward helping our city heal. That man was killed because we failed to begin this journey soon enough, because we are not far enough along it, and we should all be ashamed--but you, especially, who serve in roles of power, should feel this obligation especially heavily on your shoulders.

In your future decisions, beyond just the police oversight board, I beg you to consider how our city responds to emergencies. We ask too much of police. We ask them to wear too many hats, to juggle too many skill sets and reflexes. We need other first responders, trained in de-escalation and nonviolence, and we need them far more than we need as many police as we have. Can we please fund non-violent first responders? Can we please fund poverty mitigation measures? Imagine State Street if all our neighbors had homes, if it wasn't constantly trawled by 2-3 police cruisers interrupting the flow of pedestrians and buses.

Our city is beautiful and worth our efforts to improve it. Our neighbors are wonderful and deserving of far, far better than this violent, senseless tragedy. I hope, as public servants, you understand the love that I feel for Madison and all her people, and will act accordingly.

Best wishes,
Clarissa Dietz

From: [Esty Dinur](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Mayor](#)
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 10:17:35 PM

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Please respond favorably to Alder Carmella Glen's demands:

emergency funding and full-time investigative staff so Monitor Glass can conduct the independent investigation this killing demands without being stretched beyond what a \$400,000 budget can hold

- A case management system and case manager so every complaint, every investigation, every finding is tracked, documented, and publicly accessible
- Legal support independent from the city attorney so the office can investigate without the conflict of shared counsel with the department it is reviewing
- Community outreach capacity so every resident in this city who has something to report knows how to reach the OIPM and believes it will do something with what they share

Do not postpone the vote on the Office of Independent Monitor decision. Do not refer to Sept 22, let the decision be made on August 4th.

Esty Dinur

...for, truly, I am not a website and my name is not Etsy.

From: [Esty Dinur](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Recommendation 109.
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 10:11:35 PM

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We know about Recommendation 109. We know it was adopted in 2019. We know it was not implemented. We are holding this Council accountable for that failure and we will be there on August 4th and September 22nd to demand that the office capable of keeping us informed, finally gets what it needs to do that job.

Esty Dinur

...for, truly, I am not a website and my name is not Etsy.

From: [Juanita Duarte](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Police-civilian oversight
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:40:54 PM

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MPD officers must be held accountable for their reckless actions resulting in murder. In order for the police to be held accountable to serving the people they are hired to protect, the police-civilian oversight board must be fully funded.

From: [Annik DuPaty](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Fully Fund Police Oversight and Corey's Life Mattered
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:52:51 PM

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Dear Alders,

Another injustice has occurred today. A man named Corey Durrell Ruiz's life was taken by police. He was not given his rights to a fair trial. This situation should have been resolved without lethal force. I am asking you to ensure:

- Full funding of the police oversight group.
- The immediate public release of all dash-camera footage from today's shooting
- An independent investigation by the Office of the Independent Police Monitor, not an internal MPD review
- Full transparency regarding this man's identity, the circumstances of his mental health crisis, and the complete use-of-force timeline
- Protection of the Independent Police Monitor's office and contract from political interference by agencies seeking to weaken police oversight
- The reopening of Richard Lee Johnson's case for criminal review, consistent with the Independent Monitor's finding

In peace,

Annik
Annik Dupaty

From: [Dean Dvorak](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Police Oversight Concerns
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 11:32:42 AM

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Good morning,

As a local Madison resident, a trauma therapist, and as someone who actively supports the safety and liberation of all people, especially marginalized people, I am horrified to hear the news of how another Black man was murdered in our city by police. This is another murder in a series of murders that goes unchecked because it was done at the hands of white police. In no other circumstance would a murder in broad daylight go without consequences. In no other circumstance could someone with a gun be permitted to kill someone and keep that gun without a trial. Put the police officer on trial to be accountable for his actions. Do not allow a militarized police to do whatever they want anytime they experience fear. We all experience fear, and non-cops don't kill people about it and survive just fine.

This violence must end if our communities are to continue. The police must be defunded and we must invest in community resourcing, support, housing, and neighborhood-based non-carceral safety strategies. The people are ready and willing to organize and actively take part, yet we as the people are not being represented in our interests. For the good of everyone you represent, please take action immediately. You have the opportunity to be part of the solutions instead of part of the problem. You will continue to lose our confidence the longer you go without acting. Listen to the people you represent, or else we will find a way to put people in power who will represent us.

My job is to hear about people's trauma and support them in recovering from it. What makes my job almost impossible is the threat of violence that is present directed at "non-compliance". To not comply is to maintain your freedom under a system that does not want you to inhabit your freedom. If you want our communities to flourish, to live in a place with art and dancing and good food and thriving neighborhoods, we need to be supported otherwise we will move and take our skills, our creativity, our labor, and our tax dollars somewhere else. Without the people, this state would not exist and your job would not exist. Please do your job while you still have it, and maybe you will have the chance to continue doing it for years to come.

In solidarity,
Dean Dvorak

From: [Finn Enke](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: funding OIPM
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:54:13 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am a Madison resident writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. Madison and the state of WI is experiencing a crisis with untold ramifications. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives \$90 million. The OIPM receives \$400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait.

thank you,
Finn Enke

From: [ClaudiaENZ](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: REQUEST: Full Funding for Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 2:32:57 PM

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Dear Madison Alders, I am one of many who are upset, and write with a strong request for full funding for the Police Civilian Oversight Board. Our community is hurting and angry. A Madison

Police Officer murdered a man in broad daylight. I urge you to support the Police Civilian Oversight Board in providing them with the funding to organize for peace and safety in our community. There are other options, police violence kills members of our community, and it's in your jurisdiction to support these alternatives.

ClaudiaENZ

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From: [GARY FEEST](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Police oversight
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 8:23:31 PM

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Dear citizen representatives,

After the death of Corey Ruiz, I think it's more important than ever to have community oversight of the actions of the police. I can not imagine why some alders are trying to shut down The Office of the Independent Monitor and the Police Civilian Oversight Board. I was unaware of the opposition to police body cameras, and I believe they are needed more than ever. I also think the police should have nets to control belligerent suspects if close, hand to hand restraints are going to end in the death of the suspect. The officer responsible should be removed from the police force, at the very least. I demand that The Office of the Independent Monitor and the Police Civilian Oversight Board be allowed to do their important work, keeping us safe from rogue, trigger-happy officers. I believe that many, and perhaps most, of the members of the police force are reasonable people with a very stressful, dangerous job, but those who are not should be removed asap.

Thanks for your consideration,

Gary J. Feest
gfeest@sbcglobal.net

From: [Michelle Fisher](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: REQUEST: Full Funding for Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 2:33:15 PM

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Dear Madison Alders,

I am one of many who are upset, and write with a strong request for full funding for the Police Civilian Oversight Board.

Our community is hurting and angry.

A Madison Police Officer murdered a man in broad daylight.

I urge you to support the Police Civilian Oversight Board in providing them with the funding to organize for peace and safety in our community.

There are other options, police violence kills members of our community, and it's in your jurisdiction to support these alternatives.

Michelle Fisher
District 12 Resident

From: [Madison Flatman](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Police Brutality
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:48:53 PM

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Please do something after today's incident with Corey

Thanks,
Madison

From: [Meredith Foss](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Full Funding for the Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 11:31:39 PM

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Hello,

I am emailing to request full funding for the Police Civilian Oversight Board. Our community not only needs this - it needs to be an example for other communities.

Thank you,
Mere

Meredith Foss (she/her)
[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Lizzie Garvin](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:48:56 PM

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Hi there,

I am writing on behalf of Corey who was shot on Williamson street today, 7/22. Police brutality and murders must stop and the officers must be held accountable.

Please fully fund the Police Civilian Oversight Board.

From: [noreply](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] stop police murders
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 10:01:07 PM

Recipient: All Alders:

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 – 10:00pm

Mark Geistlinger

he/him

2526 E DAYTON ST

MADISON, Wisconsin. 53704-4909 Yes, by email. geistlinger.mark@gmail.com All Alders stop police murders Why are we here again, with another police killing of a single individual on Madison's near east side? Why could four officers not de-escalate the struggle with Corey Ruiz and, more significantly, what did they do to escalate the encounter? The Madison Police Department has already begun their argument that this murder was justified, since Ruiz had a knife and a criminal history, but how can they expect us to believe this killing was necessary? We need real police reform and civilian oversight that ends the killings. We need courageous leadership from our police chief, mayor, and city council that stops excusing unnecessary deadly force and institutes real change: greater funding for alternative responders, mandatory body cameras, better de-escalation training, punishment for officers using excessive force. We need a full commitment to stop murdering people in Madison who do not pose an imminent threat, who can be confronted using non-lethal interventions.

From: [Lucy Gibson](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Fund the OIPM adequately
Date: Friday, July 31, 2026 5:17:21 AM

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To all of you hard-working Madison Alders,

There have been 20 people killed by Madison police since 1992. (That's from a list compiled by Brenda Konkel.) How many of those killings have been adequately investigated? I would hazard that probably none of them were. I remember the Tony Robinson demonstrations, and there was plenty of evidence that his killing was completely unnecessary. And the officer who killed him had previously killed another man, a man who was threatening suicide, but who was NOT pointing a weapon at anyone except himself. Yet after Tony Robinson's killing, his killer, Officer Matt Kenny, was put in charge of training other officers!

We direly need better investigation and follow-up on police action that harms citizens.

So I call on you to fully fund the OIPM. Having an OIPM is a great idea, and also is a law in Madison. We should follow that law, not only because it was enacted, but also because it's a very good idea and could lead to us having a much more functional, helpful police department. Accountability is the only way to make an organization work well. The OIPM and the PCOB can help lead us to a more accountable and functional police department, but only if we give them the resources to do the work they're mandated for.

You should fund the OIPM to have full-time investigators, an independent legal counsel, and a case management system. They should be enabled to do community outreach to find out what's really being experienced by many people in the community in their interactions with police.

The killing of Corey Ruiz was a shock to me, and made it clear that there is something seriously wrong with our police department. Training, recruitment, and accountability need to be changed. For example,, just because it has become traditional now for police to be trained to shoot to kill if they feel any fear for their lives, doesn't mean we have to keep training like that. That's an unreasonable concept, given that so many instances happen where the fear of the police officer leads them to kill unreasonably. I've seen a video of English police (who didn't carry guns) fending off an attack by a machete wielding man by picking up garbage can lids and surrounding him until he was overwhelmed. I've seen other videos of other police doing similar things.

And now I've seen a video of 5 officers wrestling Corey Ruiz to the ground, tasing him, and then - not disarming him, but shooting him in the head three times. (Followed by rolling his dead body over and cuffing its hands behind its back - a grotesque action.) Regardless of him carrying a knife, and even if he cut one of the officers, the shooting was completely unreasonable. I know, that's a matter of opinion, but I'm telling you my opinion, and I would hope to stop police training that tells us that reaction is reasonable.

I know the State mandates Police and Fire Commissions that are supposed to investigate and discipline, but it seems the OIPM and PCOB are needed now because the Police and Fire Commission doesn't do thorough or impartial investigations or discipline, and the public barely hears anything from them. We need truly publicly responsive bodies that actually deal with and respond to the conditions that police are involved in with the public. Many members of the public are having bad experiences with the MPD, which means they are not seen as protecting and serving the public. We need to find out and publicize what is good and bad in the police work in Madison, and promote the good and stop the bad - AND the public needs to be aware of the good and the bad, and feel empowered to talk about that.

So I ask you to fully fund the OIPM and not to disable it before it can ever get started doing the job it was created to do.

Lucy Gibson

1610 Angel Crest Way

Madison 53716

From: [Laura Good](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: REQUEST: Full Funding for Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 2:32:06 PM

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Dear Madison Alders,

I am one of many who are upset, and write with a strong request for full funding for the Police Civilian Oversight Board.

Our community is hurting and angry and appalled.

A Madison Police Officer murdered a man in broad daylight.

I urge you to support the Police Civilian Oversight Board in providing them with the funding to organize for peace and safety in our community.

There are other options, police violence kills members of our community, and it's in your jurisdiction to support these alternatives.

Laura Good

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Danielle Graser](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Fully fund the Police Civilian Oversight Board!
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 9:07:13 PM

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Hello,

We need the police civilian oversight board fully funded in light of the very recent tragedy in Madison.

Thank you!

Danielle Graser

From: [noreply](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] Willy St Execution
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 2:10:08 PM

Recipient: All Alders:

Thursday, July 23, 2026 – 2:09pm

Maya Grey

2548 Kendall Avenue

Madison, Wisconsin. 53705-3847 Yes, by email. mgrady139@gmail.com All Alders Willy St Execution I am writing to share my horror and disgust at the Madison Police Department. The way they handled the incident yesterday was yet another example of how the police are the perpetrators of violence in our cities, not our community members. For a call about someone “looking at cars” to an execution in broad daylight is INSANE. There is absolutely no reason for the police to have chased the man down, let alone shove him off his bicycle and murder him. There is no excuse for these actions and getting body cameras or putting these officers in leave are cheap band-aids on a systemic issues across our country. As a mother and a teacher of young children I am constantly being nonreactive in difficult and many times physical interactions. Because I know how to fucking control a situation without creating a much worse outcome. The police as we know it must be abolished.

From: [Samantha Harrington](#)
To: [Mayer, Davy](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#); [council](#)
Subject: Demands from a constituent in light of the murder of Corey Ruiz
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 1:40:06 PM

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Dear Alder Mayer,

In the last year, especially since the closing of Dairy Drive, police presence in my neighborhood near Breese Steven's Field has grown constant. There are often police parked outside of my house doing nothing. I have encountered police in busy BRT stations, near the bathrooms at McPike Park, and inside Festival and Cargo Coffee Shop. All they seem to be doing is harassing unhoused people — often 3-5 officers standing over one seated person. It has always made me nervous to have so many powerful people wandering my neighborhood with guns that they could pull out at any moment.

Yesterday's murder of Corey Ruiz, as well as the murder of Tony Robinson, Richard Lee Johnson, and too many others by Madison Police, shows how founded that fear was.

As my representative on the common council, I ask that you push for the city to adopt these policies:

1. A fully empowered Independent Police Monitor.
2. No more budget increases for MPD. Funding redirected from police to organizations like Urban Triage, Madison Street Medicine, the Beacon, the Dane County Homeless Justice Initiative, and others that provide homelessness services.
3. A significant reduction in how many officers can carry guns and where those officers are permitted to carry guns.

Thank you,
Samantha

From: [Michelle Harrison](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Fund the Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 12:38:17 PM

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I find it unacceptable that another person of color has been murdered by the police in our community. Please fully fund the Police Civilian Oversight Board now. I am a member of Indivisible Madison East and know that other members are advocating for this as well.

Sincerely,

Michelle Harrison
5405 Sudbury Way
Madison, WI 53714

608-886-0293

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mason Hart](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Funding for Police Civilian Oversight Board and Mental Health Crisis Response
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 7:56:51 AM

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Good evening all,

I am emailing you in response to today's policy killing of yet another person by the police. I request that you pledge to fully fund the Police Civilian Oversight Board to help end police brutality and murder. I am aware that this is not necessarily how the events in Madison occurred, but I also want to advocate for the establishment of a Mental Health Crisis Response team, similar to the "Co-Response Team" based out of Durham, NC.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. I can be reached at 210-413-9424 or by email. I encourage and respect boundaries that support self-care, well-being, and personal time. If you receive an action-orientated message from me during a time when you are engaging in those activities, please hold your response until you return to work.

Thank you,
Ver respectfully,
Mason (he/him)

From: [Meggan Hass](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Fund police civilian oversight
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:47:50 PM

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I am a resident of Madison, and I am writing to demand that the police civilian oversight board be fully funded. This is not trivial; this is life or death.

From: [Anonymous Healer](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 9:04:14 AM

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Emergency funding for the OIPM is not a budget debate. It is a response to a crisis in Madison that is being observed nationally. Please support funding for this critical need; currently the Office has one part-time data analyst. The community wants real equity and we can't wait until 2027. The police department has to be accountable to the community it serves.

Here is what that funding must cover:

- Full-time investigative staff so Monitor Glass can conduct the independent investigation this killing demands without being stretched beyond what a \$400,000 budget can hold
- A case management system and case manager so every complaint, every investigation, every finding is tracked, documented, and publicly accessible
- Legal support independent from the city attorney so the office can investigate without the conflict of shared counsel with the department it is reviewing
- Community outreach capacity so every resident in this city who has something to report knows how to reach the OIPM and believes it will do something with what they share.

Thank you so much for your immediate attention to this matter.

When I rise up / let me rise up joyful / like a bird / When I fall // let me fall without regret / like a leaf

- Wendell Berry

From: [Joanne Heil](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Body Worn Cameras
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 5:26:29 PM

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The time is OVERDUE for putting body worn cameras on Madison Police Officers. Pass it. Fund it.

Joanne Heil

From: [noreply](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] Corey Ruiz/Body Cams/File #92386
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 10:23:14 AM

Recipient: All Alders:

Thursday, July 23, 2026 – 10:23am

Jacob Hicks

he/him

38 N Breese Terrace

Apt #3

Madison, Wisconsin. 53726 Yes, by email. jmhicks4@wisc.edu All Alders Corey Ruiz/Body Cams/File #92386 I saw the video of Corey Ruiz being extrajudicially killed in broad daylight. I am aware of his record and I am aware he brandishes a knife after evading arrest. I see no evidence in the video which supports he stabs an officer. One cop notices the knife, shouts it out, and Corey Ruiz is taken to the ground and shot in the head. No stabbing motion is made. One, this shows how we need more crime prevention and social work on site in matters like this. Second, the cop who killed Corey Ruiz must never be allowed to work a day in his life for MPD. I have known cops my whole life, and like every profession, some are noble and some are assholes. I don't know anything about this man. What I do know is that becoming a cop entails a level of mental acuity that when shit gets scary, they remain level-headed. It is clear to me that this cop did the exact opposite. I am seething. I understand he felt scared and rightfully so. I understand the MPD chief is reporting he got stabbed (though clearly he seemed fine enough to continue job). Corey Ruiz was already on the ground, grappling with two officers while two others stood above him. First of all, why don't you kick him? Second of all, if you are going to shoot, shoot to wound not shoot to fucking kill! I am sick of disproportionate force being used and it is clear that this officer works in Madison because he doesn't want to work in a place where lots of actual violent crime occurs. If someone has a knife and you shoot them in the fucking head, you shouldn't be a cop. If you can't handle the heat, get the fuck out of the kitchen. I have no problems with cops, I have problems with people who aren't qualified to be them but are anyways. I digress, no matter your view on the matter, why are there not any body cameras?!? Why are they not required by the city and provided for in the budget? Have the last 100 years of policing taught us nothing? This is just common-sense public policy. It allows the truth to thrive, provides for accountability on all sides, and saves time and resources when incidents do arise. THIS MUST CHANGE IN THE NEXT CITY BUDGET OR A LAW MUST BE PASSED TO FORCE THAT CHANGE ONTO THE MPD BUDGET. Finally, revoke File #92386. Not allowing unfettered access to MPD data for an independent oversight board is just asinine. You are wanting to claim a position of morality by having the body exist, but then you hamstring it from doing the work which would make it a force of the common good. Corey Ruiz had problems and was far from a model citizen, but he didn't deserve to fucking die and his actions did not warrant that either. Thank you for your time, I am a public policy student and am grateful for the work you all do. But I am fucking pissed that something like this is happening in a city like Madison!

From: [Willy Ogden](#)
To: [Mayor](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Funding
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 1:55:27 PM

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Hi Mayor

The Office of the Independent Police Monitor the only office in Wisconsin whose job is to independently investigate what MPD does is operating on \$400,000 a year.

MPD's budget is \$90 million. The OIPM's is \$400,000. That is less than half of one percent of what MPD receives.

MPD has 492 sworn officers and 92 professional staff — 584 people. The OIPM has one part-time data analyst.

584 to 1. That is the staffing ratio between the department and the office meant to hold it accountable.

It has one part-time data analyst. No full-time investigators. No case management system, No case manager for the volume of work this moment demands.

A Black man was killed by an MPD officer on a public street. No body cameras. Witnesses with cell phones. A community demanding answers.

Monitor Glass has the authority to open an independent investigation. She has the experience she ran one of the highest-volume police accountability offices in Maryland. She has the will.

What she does not have is the resources this moment requires!!!

In June, the OIPM submitted a budget request for the 2027 cycle approximately \$900,000 to add staff and build the case management infrastructure this office needs to function at the level our community deserves.

That request has not been approved.

I am calling to authorize emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor immediately. Not in the next budget cycle. Now.

Here is what that funding must cover:

- Full-time investigative staff so Monitor Glass can conduct the independent

investigation this killing demands without being stretched beyond what a \$400,000 budget can hold

- A case management system and case manager so every complaint, every investigation, every finding is tracked, documented, and publicly accessible
- Legal support independent from the city attorney so the office can investigate without the conflict of shared counsel with the department it is reviewing
- Community outreach capacity so every resident in this city who has something to report knows how to reach the OIPM and believes it will do something with what they share

The answer to all of those questions runs through one office and that office needs more than \$400,000 to be what this moment demands.

We need the Mayor and council to act like a man's life and this community's faith in its institutions depends on it, because it does.

Show the people that this means something. Approving emergency funding the requested increase to next years budget sends a message that we want answers and justice.

Willy Holden

From: [Heather Kapp](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Corey Ruiz
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 4:20:41 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing about the murder of another Black man in Madison.

I am sure you all know Madison has some of the WORST disparities for its Black residents in the NATION. How many more Black people have to die before change is implemented? I am disgusted to hear the police chief and the mayor saying their hearts break for the family. Really? Then do something TODAY to start addressing this.

I urge you to support the work of the police monitor.

Aeiramique Glass gave an excellent report, complete with recommendations. The report stated the need for police body cameras and pointed out how BEHIND other states and cities Madison is regarding this. Aeiramique Glass said "When I arrived in Madison, I felt like I had stepped back in time." I felt the same way when I moved here.

Aeiramique Glass continues, "The Madison Police Department remains among the 19% of law enforcement agencies in this country that still do not have body-worn cameras. Not because the technology doesn't exist. Not because the research isn't clear. Not because the path forward is unknown. At this point, this is no longer a question of information. It is a question of will. It is a question of priorities. And it is a question this City needs to answer."

Thank you for the important work you do,

Heather Kapp Holt, MPH, MSW
She, Her

From: [michael hopwood](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Mayor](#)
Subject: URGENT: District 16 Resident Outrage Over Willy St. Police Shooting / Demand for Systemic Accountability
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 10:30:59 PM

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Dear Members of the Madison Common Council,

My name is Michael Hopwood, and I am a District 16 resident living at 541 Aztalan Drive. I am writing to the entire Common Council today in a state of profound grief and outrage regarding the fatal shooting of a community member by a Madison Police officer this afternoon on Willy Street.

The graphic footage circulating on social media of this struggle and subsequent killing is horrifying. For Black and brown communities in Madison, this is not an isolated incident; it is a painful, repeating reminder of a systemic failure in how our city approaches public safety, de-escalation, and policing in marginalized communities. The use of lethal force in our streets must not be normalized, and we cannot continue to accept the status quo.

As representatives elected to serve and protect all residents of Madison, I am calling on each of you to use your legislative platform on the Common Council to take immediate, unified action:

- **Demand a Full, Transparent Investigation:** Push for a completely independent investigation into the tactics used during this attempted arrest, including why lethal force was used when the victim had already been tasered.
- **Enforce Strict Disciplinary Terminations:** Demand that if the independent investigation proves a violation of de-escalation protocols, the city immediately fires the officers involved and strips them of their pensions, rather than allowing standard administrative leave.
- **Support Formal Legal Prosecutions:** Urge the Common Council to publicly pressure the Dane County District Attorney to file formal criminal charges against the primary officer involved to ensure standard legal consequences.
- **Establish Financial Penalties for Misconduct:** Advocate for city policy that forces police misconduct settlements to be paid directly out of the Madison Police Department's operating budget or police pension funds, rather than the city's general taxpayer fund.

- **Empower Civilian Oversight Board Teeth:** Push for legislative changes to give the Madison Police Civilian Oversight Board direct, binding authority to discipline and fire officers, bypassing internal department protections.
- **Re-evaluate Police Funding and Resources:** Champion a shifting of city resources away from hyper-policing and toward comprehensive mental health response teams, social services, and community-led safety initiatives that prevent these fatal encounters from happening in the first place.

Our community is hurting, angry, and demanding answers. I urge you to stand with your constituents, speak out against police violence, and fight for a Madison that truly protects and values Black lives.

I look forward to hearing a public response from the Council and learning what concrete legislative steps you will take to address this tragedy.

Sincerely,

Michael Hopwood
541 Aztalan Dr, Madison, WI 53718
crossingwood@gmail.com

From: [Camille Howe](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: OIPM
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 4:17:27 PM

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Hello!

I am emailing as a concerned member of the Madison community. Wednesday's murder of Corey Ruiz by a Madison Police officer had solidified in my mind the need for a fully funded Office of Independent Police Monitoring. No longer should police brutality be a thing this city brushes under the rug. As alders I hope you agree with me in saying that ALL human lives should be protected. No longer should five police officers be able to dominate and ultimately end the life of yet another black man. THIS HAS TO STOP and police must be held accountable. I hope you'll support an expansion to OIPM's budget.

Sincerely,
Camille H

From: [Sarah Hughes](#)
To: [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Current situation
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 1:10:51 PM

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Dear Mayor Satya and Alders,

I am incredibly disappointed to see the lack of leadership shown by our city's elected officials during such challenging times. A Madison resident being killed by a police officer in broad daylight on a city street is tragic no matter the circumstances. These situations call for strong, compassionate leadership, which I have not seen from any elected official besides the police chief. Your lack of leadership has now led to the situation that is rapidly eroding on Willy St. Now, instead of the focus being on the loss of life and implementing changes that will help our community move forward, our city is more divided than ever and the narrative has changed.

Please, on behalf of myself as a Madison resident, and my family, neighbors, and community, do something. Remove the encampment that has taken over the Willy St neighborhood. Return the focus to productive conversations that move toward changes and protecting places of grief and healing.

Before any more funding is directed towards the OIPM, better structure needs to be in place. After the horrible AI-riddled report released earlier this year (why was she allowed to keep her job after that??), to now seeing photos of the interim Independent Police Monitor holding a sign calling for more murder at a press conference and leading protests throughout the city-how can she do her job impartially and with any modicum of trust? What once had the possibility to enact real positive change has now devolved into something I don't trust at all and want to see no additional funding go towards until there are better systems in place.

It feels like we are teetering on the edge of something even worse if the city does not step in and make some changes. Please, we all need you to do your jobs.

Thank you,

Sarah Hughes
703 Glenway St.

From: [Camille Hung](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Call to Fund the Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 9:27:49 PM

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Hello,

In the wake of today's shooting incident on Willy Street involving the MPD, I would like to take a moment to request, as a resident of Madison, WI, represented by Alder John P. Guequierre of District 19, that the Civilian Oversight Board be fully funded, so that this incident may be fully investigated and any wrong doing held accountable.

It is imperative that the streets of Madison remain safe for all people, and that no one facing the police should have to fear for their lives. I urge all alders to please ensure that a proper investigation into this incident can take place.

Sincerely,
Camille Hung

From: [Hilary Hunt Patel](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Hold killer cops accountable
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 1:48:03 PM

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Alders,

I am horrified by the actions of the officers who killed Corey Ruiz this week. We must fight to stop these unaccountable police who killed civilians.

Take action!!!

Hold the Madison PD accountable via the Office of Independent Police Monitor!

Hilary Habeck Hunt

From: [Rebecca Jamieson](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Justice for Corey Ruiz and Full Funding for Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 8:06:57 AM

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Dear Alders,

I am outraged and grief-stricken over the senseless murder of Corey Ruiz by Madison police. How can we continue to pour **one hundred million dollars** into funding a police force that acts with this kind of reckless, racist violence? Why is violently chasing down and murdering someone who was "checking cars" ok in any way?

Why don't we put that money into funding a non-violent response team similar to CARES who could respond to these kinds of low-stakes, nonviolent incidents with de-escalation, compassion, and resources?

My understanding is that Corey was unhoused and possibly dealing with mental health issues and/or addiction. How do we, as a community, let our most vulnerable fall through the cracks so disastrously, then murder them for just trying to survive? I am ashamed to call this community home right now.

I am also disgusted and disturbed that, amidst this violence, the City Council is considering cutting funding for the Police Civilian Oversight Board. This is NOT ok. It's also totally unacceptable that, according to Independent Monitor Aeiramique Glass, MPD has not been cooperating with her office's requests for information.

I don't want one cent of my taxpayer dollars going to fund this corrupt police force until there is:

1. Justice for Corey Ruiz
2. Justice for Tony Robinson
3. FULL funding of the PCOB
4. FULL cooperation of MPD with the PCOB

Sincerely,

Rebecca Jamieson (she/her)
Writer, Editor & Teacher
Founder | [Contemplate Create](#)
Book | [The Body of All Things](#)

From: [Forrest Jensen](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Justice
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:48:25 PM

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I am calling you to fund the police civilian oversight board. After the murder that happened tonight, the MPD need to be held accountable. And we need members of the community to be able to make sure something like this never happens again.

From: [Charlie Jenstead](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Recent events
Date: Thursday, July 30, 2026 10:06:49 AM

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Dear alders,

As a resident of the city of Madison, I would like to voice my opinion on a few items in relation to recent events.

I am in favor of body cameras for the Madison Police Department.

I am against continuing to fund the Police Civilian Oversight Board and the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. The Office of the Independent Police Monitor budget should not be extended until a code of ethics has been created and the office demonstrates how they will use body cameras to inform their work.

I believe the protest encampment on Willy Street is harming the residents and businesses of that area to such an extent that it is irresponsible to let it continue as is and that it must be moved or removed. Not only allowing this to continue, but offering city resources to support and enable the destructive and lawless behavior occurring, is playing directly into the conservative media's characterization of a failed liberal city. I fear it will influence many Wisconsinites' opinions at the polls this November.

Sincerely,
Charles Jenstead

From: [Mats Johansson](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Corey Ruiz
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 9:26:28 PM

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Hello all,

In the context of the shooting of Corey Ruiz, we have read and know about your Recommendation No. 109, and we know that it was not implemented.

As citizens, we are holding the City Council accountable for this failure. Citizens will be present on Aug. 4 and Sept. 22 to ask that the relevant office, in this case presumably the Office of the Independent Police Monitor (OIPM), gets the resources to do that job.

Thank you,
Mats Johansson
4926 Odana Rd
Madison, WI 53711

From: [noreply](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] Budget deficit
Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 9:00:11 AM

Recipient: All Alders:

Wednesday, July 8, 2026 – 8:59am

Brian S Johnson

Brian Johnson

5505 Tolman Terrace

Madison, Wisconsin. 53711 Yes, by email. brian48johnson@hotmail.com All Alders Budget deficit As you look to close the \$11M budget gap, one of the first things to cut needs to be the Police Citizen's Oversight Board. This initiative has been funded long enough and shows minimal to no return on the investment of our tax dollars. If you want us to believe you seriously have the best financial interests of our city in mind, the budget for the board needs to be eliminated.

Respectfully,

Brian Johnson

From: [Greg Jones](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: NAACP DANE COUNTY STATEMENT ON THE OFFICER INVOLVED DEATH OF COREY DURELL RUIZ
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 4:18:47 PM
Attachments: [MPD Shooting 7-22-26 - NAACP DC Statement.docx](#)

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Here's our statement.

Greg Jones



NAACP DANE COUNTY STATEMENT ON THE OFFICER INVOLVED DEATH OF COREY DURELL RUIZ

Madison, WI – July 23, 2026. The NAACP Dane County extends heartfelt condolences to the family of Corey Durell Ruiz, sharing in their grief and emphasizing our commitment to justice and compassion during this tragic time.

Yesterday, a Madison Police Officer fatally shot an African American male in his 30s on Madison's east side. Four officers were involved in the struggle. Cellphone video shows an officer firing three times. The State Department of Justice's Division of Criminal Investigation will lead the investigation, which we expect to be thorough and transparent to uphold accountability.

This tragic event not only revives our memories of other police shootings but makes us question the lessons learned from similar actions in the past.

- **WHERE ARE THE BODY CAMERAS?**
- **THE NAACP IS TIRED OF HEARING APOLOGIES TO BLACK FAMILIES OF POLICE SHOOTINGS. WE URGE COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND POLICYMAKERS TO TAKE CONCRETE ACTIONS TOWARD MEANINGFUL REFORM AND JUSTICE.**
- **WE ARE TIRED OF BLACK DEATHS BEING JUSTIFIED ON THE SOLE BASIS THAT AN ARMED OFFICER FEARED HARM.**
- **THIS TRAGIC EVENT IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM'S FAILURE TO PROTECT BLACK LIVES. WE CALL FOR POLICY REFORMS, INCLUDING MANDATORY BODY CAMERAS AND REVISED USE-OF-FORCE TRAINING, TO ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY AND PREVENT FUTURE TRAGEDIES.**

The Fourth Amendment protects the right to be free from the use of excessive force in the course of an arrest. What is the severity of the crime at issue? Does the suspect pose an immediate threat to the safety of the officers or others? Is the suspect actively resisting arrest or attempting to evade arrest by flight? The news reports of the crime suggest and show no or limited severity; the suspect poses no threat due to the restraint of three officers; and no attempt to resist. Thus, the use of excessive force is not reasonable and must be front and center.

While the facts and circumstances are under investigation, a critical question is whether the suspect was brandishing a dangerous weapon in a threatening way. The videos do not appear to support or substantiate this matter.

A complete and transparent investigation emphasizing accountability is not enough. We demand that police training guidelines be revised based on the 2025 U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Barnes v. Felix* to better protect community members and prevent excessive use of force.

“We The People”

Greg Jones, President
NAACP Dane County

From: [Sunshine Jones](#)
To: [Figueroa Cole, Yannette](#); [Madison, Sabrina](#); [Ochowicz, William](#); [Field, Derek](#); [All Alders](#); [Mayor](#)
Subject: Request for Emergency Funding NOW for Office of the Independent Police Monitor
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 1:55:51 PM

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Sunshine Jones

4333 Crawford Drive

Madison, Wisconsin 53711

To : Mayor Rhodes-Conway, Council President Sabrina Madison, my alder Yannette Figueroa Cole, and our city-wide alders.

The Criminal Justice System with its extreme racism, indeed murder of People of Color, and structural racial disparities with its Self-Protection/Cover Ups running through its entire system has failed our community. We must work together in our community to build a trustworthy foundation for public safety. Our city is traumatized by the execution of Corey Ruiz.

I am requesting that you give emergency funding to the Office of the Independent Monitor and Police Civilian Oversight Board NOW.

Also, I am requesting that you give full support without exceptions or amendments for the independence of the only independent community -nominated police oversight agency we have, The Office of the Independent Monitor and Police Civilian Oversight Board. I ask that you immediately drop the amendments in file 92386.

Again, we have lost trust in our community's law enforcement body. They have historically violated our trust and most recently with the killing of Richard Johnson and now Corey Ruiz has been executed, three shots to his head. This is an emergency and it is about saving lives.

I request that you ensure that the OIPM has a right of access to MPD databases without restrictions to MPD records. Second, the OIM/PCOB must have the right to use an independent attorney and must not have its hands tied to APMS policies that undermine its function and independence. Moreover, no politicians should be on the board, undermining their independence.

At a time when Law Enforcement has violated trust, we need you to be our trustworthy leaders.

Thank you,

Sunshine Jones

From: [Michelle Kaiser](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Civilian Oversight Review Board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 9:38:19 PM

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Hello Madison Alders,

My name is Michelle Kaiser and I am a resident of Madison living on the south side.

I am deeply troubled by the murder of Corey Ruiz. There are a lot of thoughts and emotions running through my head about this. I am heartbroken, angry and frustrated. Police should protect and serve the community. They should not be judge, jury and executioner. On Wednesday, July 22, 2026 Madison police failed the Madison community and Corey Ruiz. They failed the community and Tony Robinson as well. Police in general continue to fail us. They fail us and there are no repercussions.

It is long overdue to stop underfunding the Civilian Oversight Board. We must put money and action back into this board. In addition, we need to be taking many more steps to ensure Police are de-escalating.

Please help our community and push for these two requests.

Sincerely,
Michelle Kaiser

From: [Maddy Kaye](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Police civilian oversight board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:48:11 PM

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FULLY FUND THE POLICE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BOARD, STOP STRIPING RIGHTS

From: [Megan Kennedy](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 3:34:56 PM

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Hello, I am a Madison resident writing to request full funding for the Police Civilian Oversight Board. After the murder of Corey Ruiz, it is clear the police cannot be trusted to investigate themselves.

From: [Kichak, Casey M](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Body Cameras
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 4:19:37 PM

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Hello to all,

I am writing to express my shock and disgust in finding out that the Madison Police Department does not wear body cameras. For as large of a budget as the police department has, utilizing taxpayers' dollars, and being a capitol city of considerable size, it is truly astounding that this policy is not in place. What a shady and shameful discovery, and I'm sure I am not alone in this finding that has come to light with the recent killing of an unhoused citizen. Common council members are to blame for this. In a city that touts itself as accepting of everyone and equality for all, it is clear that the protection of power-hungry police officers was at the root of this decision, and not the people of the city you are supposed to represent. The veil of this city's corruption has been lifted, and the little bit of faith one might have in the justice system is now gone, due to a lack of evidence that could be provided. This all falls in your lap. We live in city that has 825 new jail beds built into the budget, while at the same time 800 unhoused people are on the streets. This is as blatant of a scarlet letter as a city can have and is objectively repugnant. Do better for the people you are supposed to represent.

From: [Tim K](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 9:38:30 AM

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Dear Alders,

We are grieving yet another member of the community killed by police action in Madison. Another Black person killed by the police.

I would rather have our community members feel safe and unafraid of the police in our city, than open the public market, or Amtrak, or new improvements to John Nolen. What good are any of these things if we can't even guarantee safety from the people who are supposed to keep our community safe?

This cannot continue to happen. I implore you to make whatever changes you need to make to fully fund the Police Civilian Oversight Board. We can build all the housing, hold all the festivals, and claim to be a progressive place to live all we want, but what good is it if we can't even guarantee safety for all who call Madison home?

Thank you,

Tim Kilkenny
District 11
608-843-1083

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Rebecca Kite](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Immediately & Fully Fund Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 9:19:59 PM

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To whom it may concern,

This is an email to urge you to immediately and fully fund the Police Civilian Oversight Board so that the murder of Corey Ruiz and, god forbid, other Black men by police can be immediately investigated and prosecuted for their crimes.

Corey Ruiz should not have been killed point blank in cold fucking blood. Please do something and don't just sit on your hands while people beg you to do work that protects them.

Please do the right thing and fight for this funding immediately.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Kite

From: [kristinklossner](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Response to deadly shooting 7/22/26
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 7:33:56 PM

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Accountability for Police Involved Shooting

To My Elected Officials~

As a community member, as a local business owner, as a human being, I ask for justice for the police involved shooting in my neighborhood yesterday. My tax dollars shouldn't pay for state violence. I shouldn't fear the police that my tax dollars pay to protect our streets, not murder in our streets.

I would like to know the steps you will be taking to educate the police force on de-escalation techniques & non-lethal force. I would like to know the steps you're taking to re-educate racial bias. What outside agencies are you employing to investigate this tragedy?

I want to elevate the voices of my community members at Freedom Inc:

"Madison Police Department has blood on their hands! We will not turn a blind eye to what happened to Corey Ruiz, Tony Robinson, and all the loved ones we lost due to police violence. ALL EYES will continue to be on MPD.

We demand:

- 1) the arrest of the murderous cop
- 2) defund the police
- 3) strengthen the Police Civilian Oversight Board
- 4) COMMUNITY CONTROL OVER POLICE

Our community is hurting. We are mourning and we will hold the necessary space for the community to do so. And as we mourn, we will keep each other safe, we will organize, we will fight, and we will win!"

Sincerely,
Kristin Klossner

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Zach Kmiec](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Glenn, Carmella](#)
Subject: Strengthen the PCO Board. Stop the chases.
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 8:29:35 AM

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Dear alders,

I was staggered to read some of the statistics around policing in Madison and Dane County in Alan Robinson's [recent op-ed](#) for Madison365. I understand Madison is not the county. But when I see that Dane county is incarcerating Black people at a rate that far outpaces South Africa's historical apartheid regime, I understand MPD is heavily implicated and involved. When I then see the size--in dollars and percentage--of the City budget put into that effort, I feel betrayed as a taxpayer.

For this reason, I am writing to exhort you to dedicate 5% of the MPD budget toward funding the Police Civilian Oversight Board.

We can't trust the PFC to give credence or respond to public outcry.

We can't wait another election cycle to roll the dice on another DA and hope they have a conscience.

In a society that considers itself democratic, it's an affront to give \$100 million of a yearly budget to an organization (the police) with so few checks and balances.

Give the people some recourse against the armed agents in our neighborhoods. I say this as someone with friends in law enforcement. I am not some ACAB graffiti espresso pundit. I'm someone who has seen my community harmed again and again by failed police policies and practices, and I've seen an unconscionable dearth of consequence for those responsible. We all know this is not a new problem. We all can see these tragedies are not accidents.

Give the Police Civilian Oversight Board real powers, and give it 5% of the police budget.

I hope and trust that mine is one of a tidal wave of emails reaching you in the aftermath of Corey Ruiz's death at the hands of Madison police violence. I appreciate your time as you give each of these messages your full attention.

Thank you,

Zach Kmiec
520 Troy Dr

From: [May Kotsen](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Police civilian oversight board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:48:30 PM

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To whom it may concern,
As a resident of Madison I demand that my tax dollars go to the funding of the police civilian oversight board immediately. It is unacceptable to cut funding to this department, especially given Madison's history. This is unacceptable and reprehensible.

Signed,
May Kotsen

From: [Tammi Kral](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Re: Demand independent investigation of police shooting
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 2:52:29 PM

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1. MPD did not follow THEIR OWN POLICY at multiple points leading up to the shooting.
2. There was no imminent threat when the MPD pursued and physically assaulted the suspected perp.
3. There was no imminent threat to officers by a person who was brought to his knees by a taser, kicked and held down by officers, and a knife that was out of his possession at the time shots were fired.

This,

1. The officer who fired shots must be held accountable, fired without pay, and prosecuted.
2. Madison city council needs to ensure that MPD is reined in and forced to follow its own policies. Otherwise, how can any citizen feel safe or able to rely on our police for support and protection? You cross a cop, and they can execute you.

How can we hold the police accountable to their own policy? How do we hold them accountable for implementing the required changes from the prior task force on this issue?? This is the purview of the city council.

Perhaps their budget should depend on demonstrating changes in training and practice to align with their own policy, and required changes.

On Sun, Jul 26, 2026 at 2:48 PM Tammi Kral <trakral@gmail.com> wrote:

The independent civilian police monitor that was established with corresponding local ordinances must be allowed and supported to do its job.

We need an investigation into MPD's own stated policy regarding de-escalation:

"If feasible, under the totality of the circumstances, officers should attempt to slow down or stabilize the situation so that more time, options, and resources are available for the best possible resolution."

It lists specific tactics officers are required to consider:

- Have only one officer communicate with the person at a time
- Request Mental Health Officers or Crisis Negotiation Team members if indicated
- Use distance and time, when feasible because more distance creates more time to consider less lethal options
- Use cover and concealment place environmental barriers between the person and officers
- Take steps to calm the person
- Actively listen to the person's concerns
- Explain the person's options
- Orient the person to reality
- Attempt to be truthful
- Gather additional information about the person

It goes on to say:

"Once the subject and scene have been stabilized, officers should work to resolve the situation using the least restrictive measures to secure the welfare of all those concerned, to connect individuals with mental illness or substance use concerns to needed services, and to divert them from the criminal justice system whenever possible."

It specifically says: "Strong consideration should be given for a medical evaluation, particularly when the source or reason for the behavior cannot be determined or if the source is suspected drug use or a mental health crisis."

Most reasonable people who have considered the video evidence and testimony of witnesses and police officers on the scene could conclude that these policies were not followed.

It doesn't even seem there was a justifiable reason to pursue this person who fled on bicycle! Evidence indicates that he was known to police and could be found in the community, and there was no real, imminent threat nor crime to justify the initial pursuit, much less to push/hit someone off a bicycle and into traffic.

This is horrifying and obscene. The officers escalated and created a dangerous situation.

Further, the use of deadly force was clearly not justified when the perpetrator was being tazed and held down by multiple officers. The knife, whether it was wielded or simply found and tossed away (as it's hard to say from current evidence if the officers were cut in the process of physically apprehending someone with a knife in their pants), did not pose a

threat at the time the shots were fired - it was on the ground.

It seems apparent from available evidence that the officer reacted in rage to being cut (if that's what happened), and took someone's life as if it was his RIGHT to be judge, jury and executioner.

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From: [Emmett Kress](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Civilian oversight board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:47:34 PM

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Justice for Corey. Release the officers name. Imprison. Fully fund the civilian oversight board.

From: [Jane Krohn](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: REQUEST: Full Funding for Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 2:44:55 PM

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Dear Madison Alders,

I am one of many who are upset, and write with a strong request for full funding for the Police Civilian Oversight Board.

Our community is hurting and angry.

A Madison Police Officer murdered a man in broad daylight.

I urge you to support the Police Civilian Oversight Board in providing them with the funding to organize for peace and safety in our community.

There are other options, police violence kills members of our community, and it's in your jurisdiction to support these alternatives.

-Jane Krohn

From: lakocho@icloud.com
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: fully fund the civilian police oversight committee
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 4:29:09 PM

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I am writing to you as a resident of our community to urge you to fully fund the Office of the Independent Police Monitor (OIPM) and support the integrity and operational capacity of the Police Civilian Oversight Board (PCOB).

Thanks,

Lauren

From: [noreply](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] Police Shooting
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 8:01:09 PM

Recipient: All Alders:

Sunday, July 26, 2026 – 8:00pm

Laura Laurenzi

3742 Hammersley Ave

Madison, Wisconsin. 53705 Yes, by email. little.laurenzi@gmail.com All Alders Police Shooting As Community Leaders it is my sincere hope that you respect ALL members of our community by waiting until ALL facts are in prior to making incendiary statements such as , "the police officer should be arrested or that this was an execution." You are doing a grave disservice to ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY.

If after the ALL the videos, statements and investigations have been completed and that leads to criminal charges of the Officer, that is one thing, but to make the types of incendiary statements, on social media at marches, on national and local news prior to that occurring, in my mind, disqualifies you as a "Leader" of our community. A Leader would try to heal our community.

Shame on those of you that are working to drive us apart rather than gathering all relevant facts, working for changes if needed, funding body cameras (which is a black eye on you the council and Mayor), changing training and/or protocols if necessary.

Just Stop! Take the time to let the all the facts come out and then make the appropriate changes and proceed with criminal charges if the facts point to that outcome.

Sincerely,

Laura Laurenzi

From: [noreply](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] Corey Ruiz
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 10:59:06 PM

Recipient: All Alders:

Sunday, July 26, 2026 – 10:58pm

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Blanton

2450 East Mifflin Street

Madison, Wisconsin. 53704 No, do not contact me. All Alders Corey Ruiz Do not move the Corey Ruiz memorial until these stipulations are met:

1. Arrest, Fire, and Deny paid leave of absence of Officer Kiel Peterson for the execution of Corey Ruiz.
2. The immediate public release of all video footage and audio footage including but not limited to dash camera, street cameras, house cameras, area businesses, and key witnesses.
3. An independent investigation by the Office of the Independent Police Monitor - not just DCI - and MPD must give unfettered access to the Office of the Independent Monitor and release all evidence and information they gave to DCI to the Office of the Independent Monitor immediately as per Ordinance MGO 19.
4. Full transparency regarding Corey's execution, and the complete use-of-force timeline.
5. Protection of the Independent Police Monitor's office and contract from political interference by agencies seeking to weaken police oversight.
6. The reopening of Richard Lee Johnson's case for criminal review, consistent with the Independent Monitor's findings.
7. Fire Officer Matt Kenny for the Murder of Tony Robinson and Remove him from the current and future trainings of MPD officers.

From: [noreply](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] Police Oversight
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:49:14 PM

Recipient: All Alders:

Wednesday, July 22, 2026 – 8:49pm

Ben Lebowitz
921 S Brooks St
Apt 4

Madison, Wisconsin. 53715 No, do not contact me. All Alders Police Oversight Hello,
I am a 8 year resident of Madison. Our police needs to be held accountable for unlawful
actions. Please fund the police oversight board and do not limit their power with ordinances.
Ben Lebowitz

From: [Justinus Leisher](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Vote Aug 4th, please
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 9:05:20 AM

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Hello,

I'm a Madison resident. I'm very disturbed by the Madison Police Department. I'm asking that Aeramique Glass be placed as permanent IPM. Please! reject all ordinance amendments that weaken the independence or authority of the office of the IPM or the PCOB. Please! Vote on these issues Aug 4th. DO NOT postpone to September. Please! Fully fund OIPM with investigators, independent legal counsel, case management systems, and community outreach staff needed to provide meaningful civilian oversight.

Thank you for your time on this matter.

Justin Leisher

From: [Jessie Lerner](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 12:45:43 PM

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Hello, I am a Madison resident writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives \$90 million. The OIPM receives \$400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

Thank you,
Jessie Lerner
Chapman Street

Sent from my tiny computer....thanks for excusing errors!

From: [Sophia Levenson](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: REQUEST: Full Funding for Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 4:33:10 PM

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Dear Madison Alders,

My heart is heavy after the police execution in my own neighborhood yesterday. I write with a strong request for full funding for the Police Civilian Oversight Board.

Our community is hurting and angry after a Madison Police Officer murdered our neighbor in broad daylight.

I urge you to support the Police Civilian Oversight Board by providing them with the funding to organize for peace and safety in our community.

Police violence needlessly kills members of our community, and police need to be held accountable for their actions. Reform and transparency are desperately needed to protect our communities and prevent this pattern of racist police violence from continuing to endanger the lives of our neighbors and families. It is in your jurisdiction to support this, and as our representatives, I truly hope that you make the choice protects our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Sophia Levenson

From: [noreply](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] Policing police
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 7:45:50 AM

Recipient: All Alders:

Saturday, July 25, 2026 – 7:45am

Skye Liston
She/her
144 S Fair Oaks ave
315

Madison, Wisconsin. 53704 No, do not contact me. All Alders Policing police While the IM is good in theory, there is little no actual practice in place. What is needed here is actual law that keeps police held accountable. What happened this past week is incredibly poor officer judgement. Proper technique can subdue someone with a knife. 3 shots fired in close incredibly close range to other officers is also poor judgement. The training these officers are receiving is seemingly not on par with a well-functioning department and I do not see why the community has to continue to deal with this level of policing. I would appreciate if there was a method the council could use to audit the police practices with criminal Justice experts. Also creating policy to solve a lot of these future protesters problems (because we all know this will not be the last time) like creating policy around non-paid administrative leave for officers involved in active homicide investigations. No matter your opinion on the current issue at hand, there is clear need to send a message to police departments and the community that something can be done. Both of these parties need to see that someone has power over the police at all.

Thank you for your time and I hope you consider all citizen complaints.

From: [Dannee Livingston-De Tienne](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Mayor](#)
Subject: Additional funding for the IM
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 11:57:01 AM

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Mayor Rhodes-Conway and Members of the Common Council,

First of all thank you for all of your work.

Secondly, the Office of the Independent Police Monitor cannot meet this moment with a \$400,000 budget, one part-time data analyst, no full-time investigators, and no case management system.

I am asking you to authorize emergency supplemental funding now and not wait for the 2027 budget cycle.

The funding should provide:

- Full-time investigative staff
- A case manager and case management system
- Legal support independent from the City Attorney's Office
- Community outreach capacity

As you know, Independent Monitor Aeiramique Glass has the authority and experience to conduct the independent investigation our community is demanding. She needs the resources to do it thoroughly and without delay.

Corey's family and the community deserves this.

With community love,
Dannee Livingston-DeTienne

From: [user@user.go](#)
To: [council](#); [Martinez-Rutherford, Dina Nina](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Demilitarize MPD
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 1:42:03 PM

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Firstly, thank you all for your work in our city. (Cc'd to the Mayor's office.)

I write to you as a resident of 40 years, parent & grandmother, homeowner, and business operator. I live in the Barrymore/Atwood neighborhood, and my son attended school with Tony Robinson.

We are a mixed family in terms of race, income, language, citizenship status, education level, and sexuality. That gives me a broad perspective within my Madison bubble.

Madison is hurting, and I'm looking to you as our elected leaders to create change for Madison, to lead us toward peace. Our police force needs a change in priorities in order to stop the disproportionate arrests, incarcerations, injuries, and deaths for those of us who lack enough drops of whiteness to count. Militarizing our security forces (MPD) over the years, combined with the institutionalized racism we have all been raised with, is creating the conditions that led to Cory Ruiz's deadly outcome.

I believe you can lead the re-prioritization of our security forces, MPD, by directing them in budget restructuring. If a proposal for additional funding (I read somewhere \$400,000) for MPD to use and implement body cams comes to you, PLEASE HAVE MPD SUBMIT A RESTRUCTURED BUDGET TO PAY FOR IT FROM THEIR EXISTING ALLOCATION. DO NOT TAKE THIS NECESSARY EXPENDITURE FROM ANY OTHER BUDGET OR ADD TO OUR COLLECTIVE CITY DEBT.

In these economic times, all of us are reprioritizing and deferring some of our expenses. MPD should be no different. They have identified body cams and training as a priority need, yet refuse to use their resources for it. That must change. We must set the priorities for our security forces to carry out.

I use the term DEMILITARIZE. I use this term to mean moving away from the weaponized approach that is currently being used. I use this term to mean a change in focus of training toward de-escalation. I use this term to mean end valuing property over people. I believe in and support having a police force. I know they need weapons to do their job. I do NOT believe MPD need additional resources to carry out the priorities of serving Madison residents.

Examples of excessive militarization from my personal experience:

Apprehension of a young boy (13ish??) in my front yard a few years ago. He had stolen a car, "joy riding" and crashed it. MPD pursued him for blocks through backyards on foot, apprehending him after he ran through my driveway and hid in the bed of my pickup. I was unable to count the number of officers and vehicles, and k-9s that surrounded this child. I couldn't count the number of guns drawn, as he was walked out of the truck and knelt in the center of the street, hands behind his head. He was clearly, from my living room window

view, complying. He was clearly a scared child. These officers were trained to do what they did, I do not fault that, but it was OVERKILL. I had to go out to speak to officers about what I had observed, including being in the path of those drawn weapons; they did not knock on my door for a statement or take any notes. Over a stolen, abandoned car he was no longer driving?? Unsurprisingly, he was a black boy.

Last year MPD followed up on a shooting in my neighborhood by serving a warrant a month later using an ARMORED ASSAULT VEHICLE TO ROLL UP ON A LAFOLLETTE AVENUE address, kitty corner from my same living room window. UNNECESSARY OVERKILL.

We don't need anti-personel assault vehicles to be used against and/or intimidate our citizens or to show off our warriors at community events. This is some low hanging fruit on the path toward demilitarization.

I know as elected officials that you have a lot of work ahead to bring transparency and accountability to the events that led up to Corey Ruiz's death, changes to ensure this never happens again, as well as support and healing to our community at large. This is why we elected you!

You control our city's budget priorities. Weild that power we entrust you with.

Respectfully,
Miche Llanas
136 Ohio Avenue
608.577.4396

From: [Reed L](#)
To: [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#)
Cc: [O'Brien, Sean](#); [Office of the Independent Police Monitor](#); [Police Civilian Oversight Board](#); [City Budget](#)
Subject: Fund body-worn cameras without weakening independent oversight
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 9:52:40 PM

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Dear Mayor, Members of the Common Council, and Madison police oversight officials,

I am writing as a District 16 resident following the July 22 fatal police shooting of Corey Ruiz. I recognize that the independent investigation is ongoing, and I am not asking the City to prejudge what occurred. However, because Madison does not yet have department-wide body-worn cameras, investigators and the public are left without officer-worn footage of a critical incident and must rely heavily on partial bystander recordings and witness accounts.

Madison has debated, studied, and piloted body-worn cameras for years. Concerns about cost, privacy, surveillance, and whether cameras alone change police behavior are legitimate. Those concerns should shape a carefully designed program—not justify continued delay.

I respectfully ask the mayor and Common Council to approve a fully funded, department-wide body-worn-camera program through the 2027 budget. The funding should cover not only cameras, but also secure storage, software, records and redaction staff, training, maintenance, replacement equipment, policy enforcement, and independent auditing.

This program should not be funded by cutting the Office of the Independent Police Monitor, the Police Civilian Oversight Board, violence-prevention work, crisis-response services, or other accountability measures. Cameras and independent oversight serve different purposes, and Madison needs both.

Before final budget adoption, please publish:

- The complete capital and recurring operating costs of the program.
- A deployment schedule showing how many officers will be equipped each year.
- A firm target date for department-wide patrol deployment.
- A draft permanent policy with a meaningful public-comment period.
- A process for independently auditing activation and compliance.
- Regular public reporting on activation failures, complaints, uses of force, footage requests, redaction delays, and program costs.

The permanent policy should require officers to activate cameras before arriving at dispatched calls or beginning self-initiated enforcement activity and to continue recording through the conclusion of an encounter. It should require written documentation and review of unexplained recording failures, use automatic activation where feasible, and preserve footage involving force, arrests, complaints, critical incidents, or potential legal claims.

The policy must also protect residents from unnecessary surveillance. It should prohibit facial-recognition use and generalized monitoring of lawful protests, strictly control access to

sensitive recordings, protect people recorded in homes and during medical, domestic-violence, sexual-violence, and mental-health emergencies, and establish a clear process for retaining, redacting, preserving, and releasing footage.

Body cameras are not a substitute for de-escalation, appropriate training, independent investigation, civilian oversight, crisis response, or community trust. They are an evidence tool. Properly funded and governed, they can protect residents, officers, investigators, and the integrity of the public record.

Madison has already completed studies, developed a pilot policy, and conducted a pilot program. Please move from study to implementation and provide residents with the dates of the relevant budget hearings, committee meetings, and policy discussions.

I would appreciate a response stating whether you support:

1. Full body-camera implementation beginning in the 2027 budget.
2. Preserving independent police oversight and community programs.
3. A firm department-wide deployment deadline.
4. Strong privacy, activation, auditing, and public-reporting requirements.

Thank you for your consideration and public service.

Sincerely,

Reed Lokken
1105 S. Thompson Dr.
Madison, WI 53716
District 16 resident
715-829-1700

From: [Sarah Anderson](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: bmackesey22@outlook.com
Subject: Full Funding for OIPM
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 10:13:45 PM

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I am a Madison resident, Bonnie Mackesey, writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives \$90 million. The OIPM receives \$400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Mackesey

From: [Joseph Maloney](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: REQUEST: Full Funding for Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 7:14:31 AM

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Our community is hurting and angry.

A Madison Police Officer murdered a man in broad daylight.

I urge you to support the Police Civilian Oversight Board in providing them with the funding to organize for peace and safety in our community.

There are other options, police violence kills members of our community, and it's in your jurisdiction to support these alternatives.

Joseph H. Maloney
414-712-2815

From: [Dana M](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [council](#)
Subject: Full funding for independent police monitor
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 9:00:39 PM

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Hello,

My name is Dana Maltby, I am a resident living in District 12. I was at tonight's Concert on the Square that was interrupted by the protest against MPD's killing of Cory on Willy Street today. The protest was the first time I heard about this horrific killing. Leaders of the protest urged attendees to email our City Council to support full funding for the office of independent police monitor, so that is what I am requesting.

I stand with the protestors, and I call for police accountability. Police cannot act as judge, jury, and executioner, even if they are afraid. It is their duty to PROTECT us, not kill civilians.

I am disgusted but this horrific act, and I urge the Council to use your power to provide accountability and oversight. Human lives are on the line.

Dana Maltby

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From: [Lilly Mann](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Fund police civilian oversight board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:49:45 PM

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Alders,

We need you to fully fund the civilian oversight board! We need people to invest in the investigation and CONSEQUENCES of our police that murder people in broad daylight

Sincerely,
Your constituents in Madison

From: [Jenny Markwiese](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Enforce standards of police conduct
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 12:21:23 PM

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Dear Alders:

I, like many Madisonians, am upset and heart-sick over the murder of Corey Ruiz and the hands of Madison PD. The use of force was disproportionate and unnecessary in the situation that unfolded. Standards of police conduct known as Recommendation 109 must be implemented now. Corey might still be alive if these recommendations were in place. We are asking you to take steps to ensure that the Madison PD is held accountable to the victim and his family in order to rebuild trust in the Madison PD.

Sincerely,

Jenny Markwiese

From: [Grace Martin](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Police Oversight Committee
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:49:35 PM

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Hello,

Given the recent murder of civilian, Corey, please fully fund the office of the independent police monitor (Police Civilian Oversight Board). According to speakers at this event, you all are attempting to defund this office through ordinances. Please also explain why these potential cuts are being made.

We will be coming to the meeting on August 4th at 6:30 PM to reaffirm this request.

Thank you,

Grace Martin

From: [Kirsten Martin](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Independent police monitoring
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:35:50 PM

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My name is Kirsten Martin and I am a Madison resident. I am speaking about the urgent need for emergency funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor.

Corey Ruiz was killed by a Madison police officer five days ago. The OIPM has the authority to conduct an independent investigation but it cannot do that work with \$400,000 and one part-time data analyst.

MPD's budget is \$90 million. The OIPM receives less than half of one percent of that. MPD has 584 staff. The OIPM has one part-time analyst.

I am asking this committee to act on emergency supplemental funding for the OIPM that covers: full-time investigative staff, a case management system and case manager, legal support independent from the City Attorney, and community outreach capacity.

This is a response to a crisis, not a budget debate. The community cannot wait for the 2027 budget cycle. We need action now."

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From: [Mary](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Funding the PCOC
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 8:06:02 AM

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Dear Alders,

I'm reaching out to request that you fully fund the police civilian oversight committee.

I think this is a first step in ensuring the community has transparency in MPD ongoings and gaining trust with the community.

In light of the recent murder of Corey Ruiz, regardless of the details, there should be a thorough external investigation and funding the police civilian oversight committee is a bare minimum response.

Mary

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From: [Za Matheson](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:49:05 PM

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City of Madison Alders,

I support the full funding of the Police Civilian Oversight Board. As a Madison native and tax payer in the city, I am support programs that keep my community safe.

From: [Hanna McIntosh](#)
To: [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Fund Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 4:47:35 PM

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Hello Mayor Rhodes-Conway and City of Madison alders,

I am a Madison resident in the Greenbush Neighborhood (53715). I am contacting you because **it is critical to the safety of our community that the Police Civilian Oversight Board and Office of the Independent Police Monitor have strengthened funding and full City of Madison and Madison Police Department cooperation to investigate the killing of Corey Ruiz.**

It is unacceptable and horrific that another person has been killed by a MPD officer and it is your responsibility to stop this from happening again.

I support the demands of Black community organizers to immediately arrest the police officer who killed Corey Ruiz, ensure the OIPM can investigate the killing, strengthen funding of the OIMP, and develop community control over police.

Thank you,

Hanna McIntosh

From: [noreply](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] Cory Ruiz
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 1:43:12 PM

Recipient: All Alders:

Sunday, July 26, 2026 – 1:42pm

Lacey Mehring
1341 Morrison St
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Madison, Wisconsin. 53703 Yes, by email. lacymehring@gmail.com All Alders Cory Ruiz
Dear Alders,

My name is Lacey and I am a resident of Madison, WI. I have been a resident for 10 years-since I moved here for college in 2016.

I am writing this email today to condemn the unnecessarily violent murder of Cory Ruiz by the actions of Officer Kiel Peterson.

I find it is a disgusting and reprehensible abuse of force to shoot a man in the head three times when he no longer poses a threat to anyone's life in that moment.

I am calling for three action items in response to this tragedy:

1. The firing of Kiel Peterson. This man can clearly not be trusted to control his temper or fight/flight reflex when dealing with his emotions during stressful situations. If shooting him was so necessary, how come none of the other three officers unholstered their service weapon? They responded with a taser, much more appropriate for the situation, and far less lethal.
2. Emergency funding to adequately fund the police oversight commission. Police need to ACTUALLY be held accountable for misconduct, and the department responsible for investigating the many reports of misconduct is woefully underfunded. This money should come directly from the police budget, not from other budgets that provide preventative services to our community. Matt Kenny is STILL on the force after murdering Tony Robinson, don't let Kiel Peterson become another disgusting example of police corruption and ambivalence to black lives in this city.
3. More funds and effort being put towards affordable housing and end homelessness in Madison. The cycle of and relationship between poverty and crime is well documented. Cory Ruiz was allegedly looking for open cars, presumably to find items of value or something he could put to use. People don't do that for fun. People turn to theft out of desperation. Cory's history is a great example of systemic failure to help the members of our community who need it most. He was loved by his family and friends, and should still be alive.

Wisconsin is one of the most disparate states for black and white people. This is a deeply structural issue and must be addressed by all who hold responsibility. You can either uphold or dismantle this status quo. Please make the right choice.

Sincerely,
Lacey Mehring

From: [Sara Meredith](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Mayor](#)
Subject: Emergency funding OIPM
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 9:41:48 AM

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Hello Alders and Mayor,

I'm emailing to ask the Mayor and Common Council for emergency funding for the OIPM. I have read that many folks want body cameras for the police but this will not protect anyone from harm from police officers or the MPD in general. We need accountability and we need it fast. If there is emergency funding it should not go to the entity that is needing structural change. Throwing cameras in the mix will not change Madison's racial disparity (largest in the nation!!) when it comes to who is targeted, harmed, and imprisoned in this city.

To quote my alder Carmella Glenn:

"The Office of the Independent Police Monitor the only office in Wisconsin whose job is to independently investigate what MPD does is operating on \$400,000 a year.

MPD's budget is \$90 million. The OIPM's is \$400,000.
That is less than half of one percent of what MPD receives.

MPD has 492 sworn officers and 92 professional staff — 584 people.
The OIPM has one part-time data analyst.

584 to 1. That is the staffing ratio between the department and the office meant to hold it accountable.

It has one part-time data analyst. No full-time investigators. No case management system, No case manager for the volume of work this moment demands.

A Black man was killed by an MPD officer on a public street. No body cameras. Witnesses with cell phones. A community demanding answers.

Monitor Glass has the authority to open an independent investigation. She has the experience she ran one of the highest-volume police accountability offices in Maryland. She has the will.

What she does not have is the resources this moment requires!!!

In June, the OIPM submitted a budget request for the 2027 cycle approximately \$900,000 to add staff and build the case management infrastructure this office needs to function at the level our community deserves.

That request has not been approved, yet."

At this moment our community wants real equity and lasting solutions we cannot wait until

2027 we have waited long enough!

Please authorize emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor immediately. Not in the next budget cycle.

Here is what that funding must cover:

- Full-time investigative staff so Monitor Glass can conduct the independent investigation this killing demands without being stretched beyond what a \$400,000 budget can hold
- A case management system and case manager so every complaint, every investigation, every finding is tracked, documented, and publicly accessible
- Legal support independent from the city attorney so the office can investigate without the conflict of shared counsel with the department it is reviewing
- Community outreach capacity so every resident in this city who has something to report knows how to reach the OIPM and believes it will do something with what they share

We need you all to act like lives depend on granting emergency funding to OIPM because they do! If officers cannot be investigated independently from the police department (not coming from within) what actual accountability can there even be? Until the OIPM gets the funding they need (year round) we will continue to see a disproportionate amount of Black people harmed and Madison will continue to be #1 worst place to be Black.

Thank you for your time.

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From: [Kristin Meyer](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Action after shooting
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 11:12:49 AM

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Hello:

I am writing to urge you to follow the suggestion of the Interim Independent Police Monitor and have 1% of the MPD budget shifted to create full-time watchdog positions. The killing of Black men in Madison by police has to stop. This will not happen unless policies and practices change, unless training changes, and unless we spend money to make sure that nuisance behaviors or low-level, non-violent crimes are not escalated by the MPD response.

I also want the alders to insist for increased funding for the CARES team. The de-escalation expertise of this team is critical for the safety of Madison residents in crisis situations. The CARES team should be available 24-7 to assist in situations that need a mental health intervention to get people help, not escalate situations that then result in violence and death.

Finally, the death of Corey Ruiz particularly hits the east side of Madison. Why are deadly police situations happening in this area? What training and support does MPD need to stop killing Black and Brown people in our community? What additional resources are needed to help unhoused people to get the resources they need? Madison is a liberal city, but we have the same problems based on generational racism that all communities share. We need to do much better.

Thank you for your time and support in helping ensure that this kind of death at the hands of police never happens again.

Kristin Meyer
(District 12 resident)

From: [Kira Milanich](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Mayor](#)
Subject: authorize emergency funding for OIPM
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 7:04:56 PM

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In light of the police killing of Corey Riuz and the fact that the OIM is underfunded, I am calling on Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway to authorize emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor immediately. T

This funding should cover:

- 1.) full-time investigative staff so Monitor Glass can conduct the independent investigation this killing demands without being stretched beyond what the \$400,000 budget can manage;
- 2.) a case management system and case manager so every complaint, every investigation, every finding is tracked, documented, and publicly accessible;
- 3.) legal support that is independent from the city attorney so the office can investigate without conflict of shared counsel with the department it is reviewing;
- 4.) community outreach capacity so every resident in this city who has something to report knows how to reach the OIPM and believes it will do something with what they share.

This is not a budget debate. It is a response to a crisis that needs to be addressed immediately. We can and we must do better so that EVERYONE in our community is safe.

Sincerely,

Kira Milanich
Madison 53714

From: [Kira Milanich](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Recommendation 109
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 6:37:53 PM

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To all City of Madison alders,

I know about Recommendation 109 and that it was adopted in 2019. I also know it has not been implemented. I am holding this council accountable for that failure and I will be at the August 4th and September 22nd council meetings to demand that the office capable of keeping us informed finally gets what it needs to do that job.

Madison's racial disparities have gone on for far too long and need to be addressed in actionable ways that support out black and brown community members.

Sincerely,
Kira Milanich
Madison 53714

From: [Ben Morgan](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Willy St. Encampment
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 9:04:52 AM

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Good morning,

I am writing as a nearby resident to express my serious concerns regarding the ongoing situation in our neighborhood. While the circumstances surrounding Corey Ruiz's death are tragic, I am deeply troubled by the disruption and safety issues stemming from the local protests—specifically the Willy Street encampment.

I live across East Washington Avenue and have long been a regular patron of Willy Street businesses. Recently, however, I no longer feel safe or comfortable visiting the area. While I respect the right to peaceful protest, the current environment is actively harming local businesses and causing residents to feel unsafe in their own neighborhood. I urge the city to take prompt action to resolve and clear the unauthorized encampment.

I am also concerned by the rhetoric coming from several city leaders. Based on the initial footage, pulling a knife in close proximity to an officer creates an inherently dangerous situation. While I am waiting for the official investigation to conclude, public statements that pre-judge the outcome only heighten neighborhood tensions. Furthermore, Independent Monitor Glass's active participation in protests raises serious questions about her office's impartiality. To maintain public trust, oversight roles must remain strictly neutral; I do not support expanding authority or funding for an office operating with a clear conflict of interest.

The city's hesitation to address these issues leaves police officers without clear support and sends the wrong message about public safety and accountability. Finally, regarding reports that the mayor is considering a permanent memorial: while any loss of life is tragic, I strongly disagree with allocating public funds or city resources for this purpose.

I ask that the city prioritize public safety, support our local business district, and maintain objective standards throughout this process.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ben Morgan, District 12 Resident

From: [Brenda Morris](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Police accountability
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 8:04:30 AM

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am distressed at the killing of Corey Ruiz last Wednesday. It appears that Madison police are not following Recommendation 109 from the MPD Policy and Procedure Review Committee that was adopted in 2019. Additionally, it is a violation of human rights for an individual to be executed without access to a fair trial first. I can't imagine why or how this situation that started with alleged petty theft should have escalated to a public execution without trial. It's difficult to understand how several police officers in bulletproof vests were unable to safely disarm a man with a knife and take him into custody. It seems reckless to begin with that several police vehicles pursued a man on a bicycle and then knocked him down into traffic.

We have to do better for our community, and the police officers responsible for this egregious escalation must be held accountable. Therefore, I am contacting you to support Carmella Glenn's recommendations at this time.

OUR DEMANDS — ON THE RECORD, AS OF TODAY:

1. Emergency supplemental funding for the OIPM this is a response to a crisis, not a budget debate. That funding must cover:
 - Full-time investigative staff so Monitor Glass can conduct the independent investigation this killing demands, without being stretched beyond a \$400,000 budget.
 - A case management system and case manager so every complaint, investigation, and finding is tracked, documented, and publicly accessible.
 - Legal support independent from the City Attorney, removing the conflict of shared counsel with the department under review.
 - Community outreach capacity so every resident knows how to reach the OIPM and trusts it will act on what they share.
2. Please do NOT postpone the vote on the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Do not refer to September 22. The decision must be made on August 4.
3. An independent financial audit of MPD's budget measured against NACOLE's benchmark that oversight funding reach 1 to 2 percent of the police budget, and cross-referenced against enforcement disparity data traffic stops, disorderly conduct arrests, juvenile citations so equity outcomes are tied directly to funding decisions.

The City of Madison prides itself on being a progressive, welcoming city for all people. It's time to put those ideals into action by fully supporting the OIPM and retraining our police officers in equity and in de-escalation techniques. We must address the racial disparities in policing outcomes in this city.

Sincerely,
Brenda Morris
3149 Buena Vista St.
Madison, WI 53704

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Brenda Morris
Madison, WI

From: [Kelsie Morschauser](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Immediately fund police oversight committee
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:48:43 PM

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IMMEDIATELY FUND THE POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

From: [Tiffany Moua](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Communities deserve real power over policing
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 2:13:54 PM
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Dear Madison Common Council,

I am writing to urge that you take meaningful action in support of the principle that police should not investigate police regarding the death of Corey Ruiz.

We encourage your leadership to actively support efforts that strengthen civilian oversight and accountability through independent, community-led oversight of police misconduct investigations.

When allegations of misconduct are investigated solely within law enforcement agencies, it can undermine public trust and confidence in the accountability process. Civilian oversight helps ensure transparency, fairness, and credibility.

I respectfully ask that you take action by supporting initiatives and collaborative efforts that advance independent oversight, strengthen civilian oversight, and accountability, and promote meaningful community involvement in police accountability systems.

Your leadership and commitment can help create lasting change and ensure that communities have a meaningful role in police oversight. I look forward to the opportunity to work together in strengthening accountability and advancing systems and policies that are equitable and responsive to the communities they serve.

Sincerely,



Tiffany Moua | *She/her/hers*

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From: [Nikole Neu](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Accountability for Police Involved Shooting
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 4:34:17 PM

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To My Elected Officials~

As a community member, as a local business owner, as a human being, I ask for justice for the police involved shooting in my neighborhood yesterday. My tax dollars shouldn't pay for state violence. I shouldn't fear the police that my tax dollars pay to protect our streets, not murder in our streets.

I would like to know the steps you will be taking to educate the police force on de-escalation techniques & non-lethal force. I would like to know the steps you're taking to re-educate racial bias. What outside agencies are you employing to investigate this tragedy?

I want to elevate the voices of my community members at Freedom Inc:

"Madison Police Department has blood on their hands! We will not turn a blind eye to what happened to Corey Ruiz, Tony Robinson, and all the loved ones we lost due to police violence. ALL EYES will continue to be on MPD.

We demand:

- 1) the arrest of the murderous cop
- 2) defund the police
- 3) strengthen the Police Civilian Oversight Board
- 4) COMMUNITY CONTROL OVER POLICE

Our community is hurting. We are mourning and we will hold the necessary space for the community to do so. And as we mourn, we will keep each other safe, we will organize, we will fight, and we will win!"

*Sincerely,
Nik Neu
Movement Re-education Specialist & LMT*

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From: [Mary Kay Neumann](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Shooting of Corey Ruiz
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 3:49:19 PM

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Hello alders,

I am among the thousands of people in Madison who are heartsick at another killing of a Black person. Grief, shock and anger are all strong emotions being felt in our city. These are normal reactions to another outrageous, violent killing of a Black person on our streets, and it cannot be tolerated. All people of color are already under attack by ICE. How can our community survive if we cannot trust our very own police?

We MUST have full funding for the Police Oversight Board. I add my name to the thousands of other Madisonians who are demanding change, NOW. More than ever, we need our local community to be safe and strong in the face of eroding democracy in this country. This is a moment in history that will define us a city...will we be on the side of justice? Or yet another arm of tyranny eroding values of humanity as we tilt towards fascism?

As a fellow citizen, I beseech all of you to respond to this moment with courage.

With great respect,

Mary Kay Neumann

Mary Kay Neumann
181 Ohio Ave
Madison, WI 53704
608-576-4278

From: [Bill Newman](#)
To: [Mayor](#); [Figueroa Cole, Yannette](#); [Field, Derek](#); [Ochowicz, William](#); [Madison, Sabrina](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Responding to the killing of Corey Ruiz
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 11:10:03 AM

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The tragic killing of Corey Ruiz has made clear changes are needed now, not later, in this city. Below are the changes I, and many others, want made:

- Implement Recommendation 109 on the use of force from the MPD Policy and Procedure Review Committee, adopted in 2019 but never implemented. This Council will be held accountable for that failure and for ongoing failure to implement Recommendation 109.
- Provide emergency funding for the PCOB and OIPM. This needs to be done now, in response to the crisis the city is in, and not delayed until budget debates. The funding must include:
 - Full-time investigative staff so IPM Glass can conduct the independent investigation this killing demands without being stretched beyond what a \$400,000 budget can hold
 - A case management system and case manager so every complaint, every investigation, every finding is tracked, documented, and publicly accessible
 - Legal support independent from the city attorney so the office can investigate without the conflict of shared counsel with the department it is reviewing
 - Community outreach capacity so every resident in this city who has something to report knows how to reach the OIPM and believes it will do something with what they share
- Do not postpone the vote on the Office of the Independent Monitor decision.
- Discontinue the amendments in Legistar file 92386 which will reduce the independence and effectiveness of the OIPM and PCOB. Now more than ever, the need is crystal clear for a independent, effective, fully funded, and transparent OIPM to investigate the tragic events resulting in the death of Corey Ruiz.
- Release information on weather and how the actions of the officers when Corey Ruiz was killed followed the MPD's de-escalation policy.

The eyes of Madison, and now the entire country, are on you. I call on you to act now to deal with this crisis and help our city become what it could be - a great place for all to live.

Bill Newman
2037 Rutledge St
53704

From: [Lucia Newman](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Public Requests
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:53:50 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing as a concerned resident to urge you to support strong, independent civilian oversight of our police department.

As a member of the Common Council, I respectfully ask that you:

- Appoint Aeramique Glass as the permanent Independent Police Monitor.
- Reject any ordinance amendments that would weaken the independence or authority of the Office of the Independent Police Monitor (OIPM) or the Police Civilian Oversight Board (PCOB).
- Vote on these important issues on August 4 and do not postpone these decisions until September.
- Fully fund the OIPM by providing the investigators, independent legal counsel, case management systems, and community outreach staff necessary to ensure meaningful and effective civilian oversight.

An independent and well-resourced oversight system is essential for transparency, accountability, and public trust. Our community deserves an oversight office that has both the authority and the resources to carry out its responsibilities effectively.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your consideration of these important requests. I appreciate your leadership and hope you will stand in support of strong, independent police oversight.

Sincerely,

Lucia Newman

From: [Nicole Nietlisbach](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:50:20 PM

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Good evening,

I am outraged by the murder of a civilian committed by the police today.
I'm emailing as a citizen of Madison to demand that the police civilian oversight board be fully funded.

Thank you ,

Nicole Nietlisbach

From: [Susan Nossal](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Susan Nossal](#)
Subject: Accountability and preventing more deaths
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 8:51:45 AM

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Dear Members of the Madison Common Council,

Madison must urgently prevent another horrific avoidable police murder and take accountability for killing Corey Ruiz. He should have been alive today. This effort includes:

- Listening and responding to community members' concerns
- Full funding for the Police Civilian Oversight Board and the Office of the Independent Police Monitor
- The immediate public release of all camera footage from this week's shooting of Corey Ruiz
- An independent investigation by the Office of the Independent Police Monitor
- Full transparency regarding the use-of-force timeline
- Protection of the Independent Police Monitor's office and contract from political interference
- The reopening of Richard Lee Johnson's case for criminal review, consistent with the Independent Monitor's findings

Thank you,
Best wishes,
Susan Nossal

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smnossal@gmail.com
608-332-3417

From: [Marjorie Noyes](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Corey Ruiz shooting/death
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 2:19:25 AM

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In light of the recent death of Corey Ruiz:

I would like the Common Council to revisit the idea of purchasing body cams for the MPD. I don't believe our current system of being without them is working.

The police have to be made to be accountable—the body cams will provide that measure of accountability. They will also provide much needed vital information to investigators .

The time to act on this is long overdue.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Noyes

From: [Amy Owen](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: request for funds to support the OIM
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:25:29 PM

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Dear City of Madison Finance Committee and Alders,

I am writing to request funding support for the OIM, especially for the role of the data analyst to become full time. This is a painful time for our community, and the fact that we have an OIM is absolutely precious. The role of this office and its staff in identifying independent facts and details of an incident police are involved in cannot be replaced by any other process, and is a deeply important path to moving forward as a community. In addition to the financial support of this office, I request that you do what you can to help facilitate the release of all necessary reports, video, testimony, and all other related information that the OIM needs in its investigation as soon as possible, and to maintain open lines of communication with this office as this difficult work proceeds.

I want to express my gratitude as well that amendments that may have altered how the work of the PCOB and OIM were done have been withdrawn at this time. I believe this is important, and I have confidence that if there are underlying discussions to be had about any issues that led to those amendments, those conversations can be had in a transparent open manner that involves many stakeholders and impacted groups. Many knowledgeable people worked for years to put the OIM and PCOB in place with carefully thought out policies. Let's preserve that work.

I also would like to ask that you do whatever you can to urge MPD to implement their own policies regarding use of force and de-escalation, and any other policies that have been drafted but never implemented. By implemented, I mean that there are documented consequences for not following them, and that those expected to enforce those consequences do so consistently, and there are consequences for violating the policies at the leadership and HR level as well, so that real cultural change within the department might occur related to those policies. While I understand the city operates within union contracts guiding certain choices and responses with MPD, these are MPD's own policies not being implemented and enforced, and we need to have real structures guiding how we as a community choose to allow the use of force and state violence, and not just words on a page on a shelf with no power and no expectation that they will be followed and no consequence when they are not followed.

Thank you,
Amy Owen
Madison East side resident

Thank you

From: [Melissa Palmer](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Request to advocate for police civilian oversight board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 4:13:46 PM

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Dear Madison Alders,

I am writing to you all as a resident of madison and fellow neighbor. I am requesting help to advocate for full funding for the Police Civilian Oversight Board or for compliance with the board. In light of the recent tragic murder of Corey Ruiz, amongst many others, I am in support of proper ethics and de-escalation training of MPD. One way to do this is having proper funding and cooperation with the board. This way, we can create safer police interactions for the Madison community.

Sincerely,
Melissa Palmer
District 5 Resident

From: [Claire Palmer](#)
To: [Mayer, Davy](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#); [council](#)
Subject: Community safety and MPD
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 4:19:58 PM

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Dear Alder Mayer,

I am extremely upset about the recent death of Corey Ruiz. I know you are as well. The officers responsible for his death must be held accountable. MPD's continued violence against our community is unacceptable.

I am frustrated and angry that as a city we fail to live up to our responsibilities to each other. We have real and pressing issues in our city: homelessness and unequal distribution of resources. The police do nothing to alleviate these problems, they only make them worse.

The police are frequently at the BRT stop by my home. I have often exited the bus to find multiple armed officers either standing around doing nothing but making people scared or bothering people waiting or sheltering at the bus stop. Other times the bus has had to let passengers off at a different location because a police car was blocking the bus lane and the BRT stop. It is an abhorrent moral failure that our city has created a situation where people have nowhere better to rest and shelter than a bus stop. How does the presence of police with guns help this situation? How does creating a traffic nuisance in the middle of East Wash help it?

I urge you to:

1. Support the Police Civilian Oversight Board and Office of the Independent Police Monitor.
2. Oppose any increase to MPD's funding.
3. Work to limit MPD's scope, in particular limit the situations in which officers are armed with guns.

Thank you,
Claire Palmer
District 6 Constituent

From: [M. Patau](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Corey Ruiz
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 5:26:14 PM

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Please hold the MPD responsible and accountable for the killing of Corey Ruiz. They were supposed to look out for and offer care to people INCLUDING him. Instead they have left a family in agony and a child without a father - adding insult as she had to hear about his death online with all sorts of things being said.

The community feels less safe because of what the police are capable of. We must demand different training and tactics. Body cameras would be a start but not the full solution. Please do something!

Miranda Patau
869 Terry Place
Madison, WI

From: [Jill Pfeiffer](#)
To: [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Please Increase OIPM funding
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 7:30:22 AM

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Dear Mayor Rhodes-Conway and the Madison Common Council,

Through grief and collective care, I join the chorus of Madison residents asking for emergency funding for the OIPM. Please prioritize this now and not delay meaningful action.

It is my understanding that in June, the OIPM submitted a budget request for the 2027 cycle; approximately \$900,000 to add staff and build the case management and infrastructure this office needs to function at the level our community deserves. Please review and approve that request.

Please authorize emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor immediately, which will cover:

- Full-time investigative staff so Monitor Glass can conduct the independent investigation this killing demands without being stretched beyond what a \$400,000 budget can hold
- A case management system and case manager so every complaint, every investigation, every finding is tracked, documented, and publicly accessible
- Legal support independent from the city attorney so the office can investigate without the conflict of shared counsel with the department it is reviewing
- Community outreach capacity so every resident in this city who has something to report knows how to reach the OIPM and believes it will do something with what they share.

The community and city residents are watching closely to see how our values are reflected in the actions taken.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Jill Pfeiffer

From: [Lindi P.](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: MPD & City Officials
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 7:28:20 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I prepared the following statement on July 23rd, preparing to speak at the community listening session. I later learned that was postponed to hold vigil for Cory Ruiz and mourners. I would like my statement beliw still heard as my feelings are just the same today. Iv'e also followed up with additional requeats. I expect a follow up post haste.

Written July 23, 2026

1st Id like to extend my condolenses and prayers for healing to Cory Ruiz family as well as all the mourners due to police brutality.

My name is Lindi

Im here to speak about my observations of racism, bigotry, bias, and cowardace in this community.

I've lived in this community for roughly 40 years. Prior to that, I mainly grew up in rural Wisconsin. My mother, whom is abt 87.5% white, raised me. The rest of me is home grown, organic, Turtle Islander. I've been given life experience in being able to identify the process of said topics. An up close exposure if you will. I see the underlying racist, bigotted values that have been engrained in our society from humble dwellings to rolling acres. I see the bias towards money and power, and the cowardace masks that are worn before leaving the home.

In my time here, growing up in the juvenile system to everyday present life, I see those masks here in Madison. From city officials, to the court system, medical, mental health srvs, to polce officers. As for MPD, I have witnessed and experienced many counts of racial profiling, dirty investigating, unprofessional and highly juvenile behavior. All while

wearing a blue mask. Then you have city officials, biased towards money and power, wearing their "I care" masks. Allowing these over emotional, trigger happy, fellow mask wearers running around with no true accountability.

City officials as well as the MPD are servants to the people, not the money and the power!

A thorough investigation into long standing corruption in this community needs to happen NOW!

In closing, I'd like to add the way media and such are portraying Mr. Ruiz's rap sheet as just cause for the shooting, let me call out my observation this is just another cowardice mask to point the blame rather than look at the deeper picture.

Present day, these are my additional demands:

1. Arrest the officer that murdered Cory Ruiz. I've seen multiple videos, from multiple angles of the shooting. There was no imminent threat. In my opinion, the officer was over emotional and trigger happy.
2. Provide emergency funding to OIPM THIS IS NOT A BUDGET DEBATE!!!!
3. I have recently learned about recommendation 109. I know that it was adopted in 2019 and that it was never implemented. I am holding this council accountable for that failure.
4. Strengthen the Civilian Oversight Board. Give them disciplinary power.
5. MPD & DCI should be in FULL compliance with providing ALL information requested by the Office of the Independent Monitor.
6. Reopen the Tony Robinson case and reinvestigate and provide transparency with ALL information.

I would like a follow up response post haste.

Sincerely,

Lindi Pidgeon

From: [Lindi P.](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Mayor](#); [Office of the Independent Police Monitor](#); [Police Civilian Oversight Board](#); [Glass, Aairamique](#); [Madison, Sabrina](#)
Cc: [DOJCommunications@doj.state.wi.us](#); [liberty@aclu-wi.org](#); [DCR](#); [danecoda@da.wi.gov](#); [citydesk@madison.com](#); [DaneVW@da.wi.gov](#); [naacp36ab@gmail.com](#)
Subject: Public Comment & Request for Written Response Regarding Cory Ruiz, Police Oversight, OIPM Funding, and Recommendation 109
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 5:19:29 PM

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To: Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway, Madison Common Council, Police Civilian Oversight Board, Office of the Independent Monitor, and City Officials

I prepared the following statement on July 23rd, preparing to speak at the community listening session. I later learned that was postponed to hold vigil for Cory Ruiz and mourners. I would like my statement below still heard as my feelings are just the same today.

Since writing the statement below, I have learned that the Common Council has withdrawn the proposed amendments to the Office of the Independent Monitor and Police Civilian Oversight Board ordinances in favor of mediation and a restorative justice process. While I support good-faith dialogue, I do not believe mediation should replace accountability, transparency, or meaningful reform.

I have also followed up with additional requests below. I expect a follow-up response post haste.

Written July 23, 2026:

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Present day, these are my additional demands:

1. I ask for a prompt, transparent, and independent investigation into the shooting of Cory Ruiz. Based on the videos I have personally viewed, I believe there was no imminent threat that justified deadly force. If investigators conclude that criminal conduct occurred, I expect the appropriate prosecuting authority to pursue charges.

2. Provide emergency funding to the Office of the Independent Monitor. **THIS IS NOT A BUDGET DEBATE!!!!**

3. I have recently learned about Recommendation 109. I understand it was adopted in 2019 and never implemented. I am holding this Council and City leadership accountable for that failure. I expect a public explanation and a timeline for implementation.

4. Strengthen the Civilian Oversight Board. As discussions move forward through mediation, ensure that the end result is a stronger, more independent Board with meaningful disciplinary authority to the fullest extent allowed by law.

5. MPD and DCI should be in FULL compliance with providing ALL information lawfully requested by the Office of the Independent Monitor.

6. I request renewed transparency regarding the Tony Robinson case, including a public explanation of what additional review or release of information is legally possible.

Mayor Rhodes-Conway, I ask that you publicly support meaningful police accountability, emergency funding for the Office of the Independent Monitor, implementation of Recommendation 109, and meaningful strengthening of civilian oversight as this mediation process moves forward.

I would like a follow up response post haste.

Sincerely,

Lindi Pidgeon

From: [Karen Urrutia Polnitz](#)
To: [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support for the OIPM
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 12:32:13 PM

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Hello Mayor Rhodes-Conway and Alders,

I know you are carrying the grief of our city right now. Thank you for leading us forward with care.

I am writing to express my support for increased funding and organizational support for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. We deserve accountability after Corey's murder and we deserve to feel safe on our streets. This office must be supported financially and by structures that will maximize and ensure it's efficiency.

I echo the following requests from Alder Carmella Glen and other community leaders:

- “Full-time investigative staff so Monitor Aeiramique Glass can conduct the independent investigation this killing demands without being stretched beyond what a \$400,000 budget can hold”
- “A case management system and case manager so every complaint, every investigation, every finding is tracked, documented, and publicly accessible”
- “Legal support independent from the city attorney so the office can investigate without the conflict of shared counsel with the department it is reviewing”
- “Community outreach capacity so every resident in this city who has something to report knows how to reach the OIPM and believes it will do something with what they share”

Thank you for supporting the community's needs during this time.

In solidarity and hope,
Karen

Karen Urrutia Polnitz
(she/they/ella/elle)

"All of us need all of us to make it."
-Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto

From: [Sam Press](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: We Deserve Better
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 6:22:46 PM

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Our community can't keep living in fear from an unchecked police force. I'm writing to ask you to fully fund the Police Civilian Oversight Board and to give it full authority to investigate and censure incidents like the ones that killed Corey Ruiz and Tony Robinson. Act now or stand on the wrong side of history - and public opinion.

-- Sam Haney Press,
Madison Resident

From: [Tessa](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: fully fund the PCOB and maintain its independence
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 7:56:38 AM

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fully fund the PCOB and maintain its independence

The police killing today is disgusting. The killer and Matt Kenny need to go. Fund the independent monitor.

Fully fund the police civilian oversight board and stop amendments stripping their independence.

thanks,
Tessa Price

From: [Jenny Quinn](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Body Cams
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 8:33:58 AM

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Shame on this alders that voted body cameras down.

As a tax payer, I am demanding police have body cameras -NOW!

I don't believe the Mayor or City Council President when it's all talk in the face of people. Sure, found money to fund this damn rapid bus service- that doesn't even serve the whole city.

Body cameras now!

I bet my Alder Carmella Glenn won't respond !

Madison Taxpayer
Jenny

From: [Angela Richardson](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 1:21:01 PM

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I am a Madison resident writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives \$90 million. The OIPM receives \$400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

Angela Richardson
217 Dunning St, Madison, WI 53704

From: [noreply](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] Police Reform/Corey Ruiz
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 12:45:08 PM

Recipient: All Alders:

Friday, July 24, 2026 – 12:44pm

Mark Richner

He/him

122 N Brearly St

Madison, Wisconsin. 53703 Yes, by email. aspnbk@gmail.com All Alders Police Reform/Corey Ruiz Dear Members of Madison Common Council,

I am writing to demand accountability for those involved in Corey Ruiz's heartbreaking tragic death and to demand systemic reform to policing in the City of Madison.

Please ensure an independent review of this incident by the Office of the Independent Monitor.

Please continue needed reforms to address racism and implicit bias with the Police Department.

Please implement community and socially responsible practices to reduce violent confrontations initiated by police officers.

Sincerely,
Mark Richner

From: [Sara Rigelman](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Fund the OIPM
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 5:58:08 PM

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The killing of Cory Ruiz by Madison Police is UNACCEPTABLE. Our city can do better! I want the OIPM to be fully funded, including full-time investigators, independent legal counsel, a case management system, and community outreach. Redirect 1 percent of MPD's budget cut \$900,000 to the office meant to hold them accountable.

I urge you to do what's right for our community, thank you.
Sara Rigelman, Northside Madison resident

From: [Michelle Robinson](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Mayor](#)
Subject: Request for an Independent and Transparent Investigation into the Recent Police Shooting
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 4:47:31 PM

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Mayor Rhodes-Conway and Members of the Madison Common Council,

Like many Madison residents, I am deeply disturbed by the police shooting that occurred today. This incident unfolded in public, was witnessed by numerous community members, and has already been captured from multiple angles on video. Regardless of what the investigation ultimately concludes, the scale of public exposure means that this event will have lasting impacts on community trust, and our collective trauma.

For that reason, I am asking the City to ensure that this incident receives a truly independent, transparent, and comprehensive investigation.

Specifically, I urge the City to:

- Ensure that the Office of the Independent Monitor is fully engaged within the scope of its authority.
- Preserve and review all available evidence, including any body-worn camera footage, dashboard camera footage, civilian videos, dispatch recordings, and witness statements.
- Communicate regularly with the public about the investigative process while protecting the integrity of the investigation.
- Release all information that can legally be released as quickly as possible once appropriate.

The question before us is larger than the outcome of any single investigation. It is whether Madison continues to earn the public's confidence by demonstrating that incidents involving the use of deadly force are reviewed independently, thoroughly, and transparently.

Many members of our community are grieving, frightened, angry, and searching for answers. The City's response in the coming days will shape whether people believe their government is committed to accountability regardless of who is involved.

Transparency is not a threat to public safety. Accountability is not anti-police. Independent oversight exists to protect both the public and officers by ensuring that investigations are trusted because they are fair.

I appreciate your leadership during what I know is an extraordinarily difficult moment. I hope you will do everything within your authority to ensure that this investigation is independent, transparent, and worthy of the public's trust.

Sincerely,

Michelle Robinson, MS, PhD.
(District 17 Resident)

From: [Jennifer Levenson Rose](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: REQUEST: Full Funding for Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 9:38:33 AM

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Dear Madison Alders,

I am one of many who are upset, and write with a strong request for full funding for the Police Civilian Oversight Board.

Our community is hurting and angry.

A Madison Police Officer murdered a man in broad daylight.

I urge you to support the Police Civilian Oversight Board in providing them with the funding to organize for peace and safety in our community.

There are other options, police violence kills members of our community, and it's in your jurisdiction to support these alternatives.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Rose

Jennifer Rose

Pronouns: She, her, hers

End Of Life Doula

[608-345-7102](tel:608-345-7102)

From: [paxaroo](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Police Civilian Oversight
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 9:08:27 PM

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Alders:

I supported the funding of the Police Civilian Oversight Committee before today, but today's murder at police hands only underscores how critical it is to have objective oversight of police actions in our community. A young man was murdered tonight for stealing bicycles. THIS. IS. NOT. OKAY. Fund the oversight so that our city has the transparency and oversight we need to feel safe.

Thank you,
Leslie Ross

Sent from [Proton Mail](#) for Android.

From: [Sarah P](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Stop Genocide NOW
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 1:07:02 PM

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Hello My name Sarah Peeler I live in Dane County. The council must do their part in stop genocide against black people in Wisconsin. Do all things listed below or you will be removed from your seats.

1. Appoint Adermique Glass as the permanent Independent Police Monitor.
2. Reject all ordinance amendments that weaken the independence or authority of the Office of the Independent Police Monitor (OIPM) or the Police Civilian Oversight Board (PCOB).
4. Vote on these issues on August 4. Do not postpone these decisions to September.
5. Fully fund the OIPM with the investigators, independent legal counsel, case management systems, and community outreach staff needed to provide meaningful civilian oversight.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Serena Sato](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Priority funding
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 10:57:26 AM

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Hello alders,

I'm a Northside resident and am writing to ask the council to fully fund the Police Civilian Oversight Board.

Thank you,
Serena

From: [Judy Seymour](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Mayor](#)
Subject: August 4th, 2026 Common Council meeting
Date: Thursday, July 30, 2026 2:49:16 PM

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I have been a Madison resident since 1979.

I believe that we need a fully funded and empowered Office of the Independent Police Monitor.

I believe that Corey Ruiz's death, like Tony Robinson's, was due to, at best, gross negligence on the part of the police.

The killing of Corey Ruiz needs to be fully investigated by an OIPM that has full-time investigators, a robust case management system, and independent counsel.

I am eager to see the agenda for the August 4th meeting, which I plan to attend.

Sincerely,
Judy Seymour

From: [Connie Shaw](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Funding OIM
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:38:06 PM

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Dear Finance Committee Members and City Alders,

My name is Connie Shaw and I am a 65 year old life long resident of Madison. I am writing to encourage you all to do the right thing and provide proper funding to the OIM. It is LONG! overdue, and needed now, more than ever. There SHOULD be funding for several more investigators, considering Madison's size and growth. The data analyst should be FULL TIME, too. How that isn't already a full time position, makes no sense.

Let's "get with the times" and fully fund the OIM!!! It is needed and it is necessary.

Thank you,
Connie Shaw

From: [Artemis Sidikman](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Justice for Corey, Funding for the Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 10:30:51 AM

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Dear Alders of Madison,

Dear John Duncan, Will Ochowicz, Derek Field, Micheal Verveer, Regina Vidaver, Davy Mayer, Badri Lankella, Ellen Zhang, Joann Pritchett, Yannette Figueroa Cole, Bill Tishler, Julia Matthews, Tag Evers, Noah Lieberman, Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford, Sean O'Brien, Sabrina Madison, Carmella Glenn, and John Guequierre, and Barbara Harrington-McKinney,

My name is Art Sidikman, and I am a resident of Madison; I have lived here my whole life. As you know, on Wednesday, we as Madisonians lost one of our community members, Corey Durell Ruiz, to unsanctioned police violence. This act of hatred from an officer of the law saddens and sickens me, but does not surprise me. When was a student of West High School in 2015, we walked out in protest of the police murder of Tony Robinson. That was over 10 years ago, and again I find myself in this same space, questioning what it means to be a person of this city, what it means to hold community, and what it means to protect those that need protection. When we are cultivating our sliver of the world, do we want it to be a place where a call about someone opening cars ends with blood on the streets? Is this the Madison that you wanted when you ran for this position? In the sector of power you hold between your two hands, do you truly see it ending this way?

No decision any of us make now will bring Corey back to life. Decisions you make going forwards can stop these senseless murders from happening again. I urge you to fully fund the Police Civilian Oversight Board. What we are doing as a city with our police force isn't working, and if the deaths of these two young black men I have brought to you don't make that clear enough, I don't know what will.

No more deaths.

Thank you for your time,
Art Sidikman

From: [Emily Smith](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: REQUEST: Full Funding for Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 4:35:01 PM

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Emily Smith, Eastmorland resident

From: [Snowden](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Re: Body Cams
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 6:25:53 PM

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Per Newsweek, the Madison City Clowncil didn't do it because "community groups worried that the cameras would be used to surveil and criminalize marginalized groups."

Full deployment would cost \$3 million to \$7 million, all in, over several years. That's 1.67% of three years worth of Madison Police Department budgets.

You people are stupid, racist, incompetent hypocrites.

On Friday, July 24th, 2026 at 4:08 PM, Snowden <snowden2448@proton.me> wrote:

Congratulations, incompetent Madison racists. No body cams because you were too stupid and too racist. Happy now?

From: [Tammy](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:59:46 PM

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I am a Madison resident writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation - full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives \$90 million. The OIPM receives \$400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

Tammy Soderling

From: [Julia Stanley](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Police Shooting on Willy Street
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 3:13:52 PM

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Dear Madison Alders -

I am writing amidst grief, shared across our whole community, to ask for your thoughtful and swift creation (and full funding) of an independent investigation into the death of Corey Ruiz at the hands of Madison police. I ask for full transparency in this process and findings, and for meaningful accountability for the police involved in this shooting. In 2025, there were only six day (six days!) when a civilian was NOT killed by law enforcement. Over policing of Black and Brown communities is historic, and has been felt viscerally in the Willy Street neighborhood now four times in the last 14 years.

It is sad when Madison is not above these statistics and when our community reels from such violence. Let us work toward justice and humanity amidst today's sadness.

Best -

Julia Stanley
Chair, YWCA Madison Board of Directors
1525 Vilas Avenue
Madison

From: [Ashley Becker](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Fully fund Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 10:39:47 PM

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Dear Alders,

I have been a Madison resident for 8 years, and I consider this city my home. To help protect the people and place I love, I am asking you to fully fund the Police Civilian Oversight Board. They are critical for keeping our community safe.

Sincerely,
Ashley Becker Steele

From: [Amy Stein](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support Independent Police Monitor Recs
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 6:39:12 PM

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Good evening,

I urge the council to implement all the recommendations made by the Independent Police Monitor regarding policing practices in Madison and body worn cams.

Please also pressure the police department for quicker transparency regarding the details of the murder of Corey Ruiz.

Thank you,

Amy Stein
amykarinastein@gmail.com

From: [Mary Stelletello](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Mayor](#)
Subject: Demand for Independent Investigation and Accountability: Corey Ruiz shooting
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 9:31:32 AM

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Dear Common Council Members and Mayor Rhodes-Conway,

As a concerned citizen of Madison, in light of the tragic police shooting of Corey Ruiz, I strongly support that the Police Civilian Oversight Board (PCOB) conduct an independent investigation of the incident.

I also strongly support the full funding of this important body that allows the community to have confidence that an unbiased source is investigating any police violence.

Please do what is best to rebuild the community trust in law enforcement, which has been shattered by multiple police shootings since 2012 with Tony Robinson.

Thank you,

Mary Stelletello
mstelletello@gmail.com

From: [Betsy Abramson](#)
To: Mayor; All Alders; police@cityofmadison.com
Cc: [Merle Sternberg](#); [Gerald Sternberg](#)
Subject: Pursuit of Justice re: Killing of Corey Durell Ruiz
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 9:02:06 AM

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As the administrative coordinator for the African American-Jewish Friendship Group, I have been asked to send this letter from our co-chairs. Betsy Abramson

Mayor Rhodes-Conway, Chief Patterson and Members of the Madison City Council:
As co-chairs of the Madison African American-Jewish Friendship Group, we write to express our horror and outrage over the senseless killing of Corey Durell Ruiz on Thursday, July 22, 2026 by Madison law enforcement. The videos and reports thus far are extremely disturbing and compel us to call for justice by, at a minimum:

- (1) An immediate, thorough, transparent and independent investigation of the incident and killing;
- (2) Appropriate and swift discipline to all law enforcement members determined to have violated protocol;
- (3) Extensive training for both existing and all new law enforcement on appropriate use of force, defusion and de-escalation of violence, implicit bias and working with and serving marginalized communities; and.
- (4) Swift approval and funding for body cameras for all police officers working in the community.

Disparate treatment of citizens from communities of color must stop. Now. The Madison community must not tolerate the senseless and wanton killing of people of color by the hands of law enforcement. We cannot and will not live in a community that treats Brown and Black people as less human than their white counterparts. We must do better.

Sincerely,

Merle and Gerald Sternberg, Co-Chairs

African American-Jewish Friendship Group

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BetsyAbramson@gmail.com

608-332-7867

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From: [Will Stevens](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Fully fund the civilian police oversight board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:48:13 PM

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We, the civilians, demand that you FUND the civilian police oversight board NOW

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From: [Melissa](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: URGENT: Fund the OIPM
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 12:09:02 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing as a very concerned citizen and resident of Madison, Wisconsin (East Side).

I am both deeply saddened and outraged by the murder of Mr. Corey Ruiz at the hands of the MPD, and as a relatively new resident of our beloved Madison, have only recently become aware of the significant history and devastating trend of racialized/racist policing in Madison. This must be interrupted and course-corrected, both for the sake of our people and our police officers. We must restore trust in the MPD, especially with our Black and Brown neighbors and our young people.

Please REJECT the current and/or any ordinance amendment(s) that undermine the City of Madison OIPM.

Please SUPPORT retaining the current interim IPM, **Meeka Glass**, and make her the permanent IPM.

Please adequately FUND the OIPM. We must have full-time investigators, independent legal counsel, a case management system, and robust community outreach. Please REALLOCATE 1% (or more!) of the MPD's budget to the Office of Independent Police Monitoring. The MPD must be held accountable so that our community can heal and, together, set things right.

Thank you for your concerned attention to this urgent matter.

Please let our actions align with our stated shared values in Madison.

Sincerely,
Melissa Stewart

Rev. Dr. Melissa Stewart, DMin, LCSW-R
(*she/her*)
Spiritual Director, The Thread Interfaith Seminary
Phone: 608.628.5152

Let the beauty we love be what we do. There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the ground. ~ Rumi

From: [Anna Strange](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Justice for Corey Ruiz
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 1:10:07 PM

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Hello,

As a resident of Madison I am writing to request immediate action regarding the police killing of Corey Ruiz. I am demanding the arrest of the cop Kiel Peterson. I am demanding strengthening of Police Civilian Oversight. I am asking for a full, transparent investigation into the killing of Corey.

Additionally, we need you to enact reforms in the police department, including training on de-escalation and requiring body cameras.

If you care about ALL residents in our Madison community, you will act on these demands on behalf of our community.

Thank you,
Anna Strange

From: [Melissa Struve](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Police civilian oversight board needs to be fully funded!!!
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:49:04 PM

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Please act on this!!

Justice for Corey. And Tony.

Black lives matter.

From: [Zoe Sullivan](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Cc: [Matthews, Julia](#)
Subject: Fully fund the Civilian Oversight Review Board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 12:22:31 PM

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Dear Madison Alders,

In the wake of yesterday's horrific shooting of Corey Ruiz, I ask you to ensure that the Civilian Oversight Review Board is fully funded. The work of that office seems to have faced obstruction, and yesterday's killing is yet another reminder of the urgency of the city's police accountability work.

Regards,

Zoe Sullivan

From: [Katrin Talbot](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Mayor](#)
Subject: Funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 8:41:07 AM

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Emergency funding for the OIPM is not a budget debate. It is a response to a crisis in Madison that is being observed nationally. Please support funding for this critical need; currently the Office has one part-time data analyst. The community wants real equity and we can't wait until 2027. The police department has to be accountable to the community it serves.

Here is what that funding must cover:

- Full-time investigative staff so Monitor Glass can conduct the independent investigation this killing demands without being stretched beyond what a \$400,000 budget can hold
- A case management system and case manager so every complaint, every investigation, every finding is tracked, documented, and publicly accessible
- Legal support independent from the city attorney so the office can investigate without the conflict of shared counsel with the department it is reviewing
- Community outreach capacity so every resident in this city who has something to report knows how to reach the OIPM and believes it will do something with what they share.

Thank you so much for your immediate attention to this matter.

Katrin Talbot

Katrin Talbot
ktalbot21@gmail.com
www.katrintalbot.com

*"Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one **wild** and precious life?"*
--Mary Oliver

From: [Paul Terranova](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: OIPM budget
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 10:05:26 AM

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Dear alders,

First I want to thank you for withdrawing the amendments that would have weakened the independence of the OIPM and PCOB.

I would also like to urge you to allocate 1% of the overall police budget to the OIPM. This is a small but critical investment in public safety for all.

Thank you,

Paul Terranova
1821 Helena St
Madison, WI 53704

From: [noreply](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] police cameras
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 4:19:09 PM

Recipient: All Alders:

Saturday, July 25, 2026 – 4:18pm

Robert Tews
4901 Buckeye Rd

Madison, Wisconsin. 53716-2221 No, do not contact me. All Alders police cameras Now 11 years after Tony Robinson are you finally going to get police cameras?

From: [Lane Thompson](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Fully Fund the City of Madison Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:48:43 PM

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To all the alders of the city of Madison,

You must fully fund the police civilian oversight board and stop impinging on their independence.

From: [tom](#)
To: [Madison Mayor](#); [All Alders](#); [Munger, Sam R.](#)
Subject: cost savings for city budget
Date: Monday, June 22, 2026 12:24:10 PM

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1. don't hire new FTE for housing dept. (on tonight's agenda)
2. cut HR dept. by 75%
3. do not spend over market prices for land
4. Change employee's work week to 40 hr., not 37.5
5. no more free bus rides for employee's

These simple moves, will save millions of our dollars.

Tom,
Protect the 1st amendment, stop the censorship Google, FB, Twitter, MSM!

From: [Live N Love](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Recommendation 109
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 11:11:38 AM

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Hello, I am writing as a concerned Madison constituent. We all know what happened recently. It should not have happened. As leaders in our community, you need to ensure it doesn't happen ever again. Recommendation 109 needs to be enacted properly. It shall be given the funds required to operate properly. It shall be staffed appropriately so that it may run effectively. No more excuses. Your constituents demand better. Full accountability needs to be had. It is up to you to make this happen,

Vanessa Tortolano
3909 Hanover St. Madison, Wi
53704

From: [D](#)
To: [council](#)
Subject: Please open Willy Street
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 8:22:43 PM

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please remove the roadblocks. Get police body cams. Open Willy st. Disperse freedom inc instigators and give resources to homeless people that are in need. This has gone on too long for our neighbors in the Marquette neighborhood.

From: [Bobby Deandra Walker](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:47:06 PM

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Fund the police civilian oversight board!

From: [Logan Walsh](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: REQUEST: Full Funding for Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 2:34:55 PM

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Dear Madison Alders,

I am one of many who are upset, and write with a strong request for full funding for the Police Civilian Oversight Board.

Our community is hurting and angry.

A Madison police officer murdered a man in broad daylight.

I urge you to support the Police Civilian Oversight Board in providing them with the funding to organize for peace and safety in our community.

There are other options. Police violence kills members of our community, and it's in your jurisdiction to support these alternatives.

Logan Walsh
763-355-4399
walsh.logan@gmail.com

From: [Ben Weger](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Fund and Support the Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:50:01 PM

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Alders,

Stop entertaining amendments to strip power and independence from the Police Civilian Oversight Board. Fully fund their work before more people are executed in our streets.

Sincerely,
Ben Weger
District 15

From: [Vic Welle](#)
To: [Mayor](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Call for action
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 8:04:43 AM

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To those elected to serve:

I am a former resident of Wisconsin who spent 10 years there working in mental health and crisis response, including working with organizations based in Madison. In that time I became more and more convinced that lasting mental health and healing will not happen unless root causes of trauma are effectively addressed. This includes the ongoing trauma that Black and Brown community experience in the form of witnessing and experiencing police violence.

The traumatic, unjust murder of Corey Ruiz is once again showing the deep harm that could be prevented if meaningful action and adequate resources are provided to the community. I fully support the calls of community members in Madison who are making these demands:

1. Arrest, Fire, and Deny paid leave of absence of Officer Kiel Peterson for the execution of Corey Ruiz.
2. The immediate public release of all video footage and audio footage including but not limited to dash camera, street cameras, house cameras, area businesses, and key witnesses.
3. An independent investigation by the Office of the Independent Police Monitor - not just DCI - and MPD must give unfettered access to the Office of the Independent Monitor and release all evidence and information they gave to DCI to the Office of the Independent Monitor immediately as per Ordinance MGO 19.
4. Full transparency regarding Corey's execution, and the complete use-of-force timeline.
5. Protection of the Independent Police Monitor's office and contract from political interference by agencies seeking to weaken police oversight.
6. The reopening of Richard Lee Johnson's case for criminal review, consistent with the Independent Monitor's findings.
7. Fire Officer Matt Kenny for the Murder of Tony Robinson and Remove him from the current and future trainings of MPD officers.

I call on all those with the power to release emergency funding to allocate funds that can both meaningfully implement changes to use of force standards as well as support community efforts to address the root causes of trauma and emotional suffering.

Safe, healthy communities are ones with affordable housing, living wages, and racial equity. None of that can be accomplished by police. Please fund what truly supports community health and healing, and ensure that police can no longer traumatize the community.

Sincerely,

Vic Welle
Saint Paul, MN

From: [danwerner2000](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Civilian police oversight board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:52:49 PM

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Please fully fund the Civilian police oversight board. There has to be accountability.

Sincerely,
Dan Werner

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From: [noreply](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] Cameras on police
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 2:39:09 PM

Recipient: All Alders:

Friday, July 24, 2026 – 2:38pm

Leola Wettstein

Ms

1102 Droster rd

Madison, Wisconsin. 53716 Yes, by email. lwettstein3@gmail.com All Alders Cameras on police Please provide cameras for the city of Madison police department. They have been in favor of this for years. It's incredible that we don't have them. Small towns do but not Madison!! Please respond and explain why you do or do not support this.

From: [noreply](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: [All Alders] DO SOMETHING TODAY
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 10:13:12 PM

Recipient: All Alders:

Saturday, July 25, 2026 – 10:12pm

Kathryn White
2602 Arbor Dr

Madison, Wisconsin. 53711 Yes, by email. katybwhite@gmail.com All Alders DO SOMETHING TODAY Corey Ruiz is dead.

We all saw it with our own eyes. We watched police murder a human being in the middle of a Madison street. It is obscene that this happened, and it is even more obscene that our response is to place the officer on paid leave and ask the public to wait.

No.

I demand immediate action.

Stop using taxpayer dollars to pay the officer who killed Corey Ruiz while this investigation proceeds.

Fully fund the OIPM.

Strengthen truly independent civilian oversight with real authority.

Begin the work of putting meaningful community control over policing into place.

Enough statements. Enough condolences. Enough promises. Madison does not need another carefully worded press conference. It needs leaders willing to act.

I stood in that intersection. I cannot shake what happened there. No family should have to wonder whether their loved one will become the next name we mourn while officials ask us for patience.

I will continue writing, speaking, organizing, and showing up until meaningful change happens. I expect you to do the same.

From: [Kevin L Williams](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Corey Ruiz Shooting Death and Continuing Support for the PCOB/OIM
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 3:10:01 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing you today as a heartbroken resident of Madison, and as a member of the First United Methodist Church faith community.

The shocking death of Corey Ruiz at the intersection of Williamson Street and South Baldwin has reopened a spiritual wound that, seemingly, refuses to heal. I thought, perhaps, that our community could indeed heal following the shooting death of Paul Heenan. And, then, Ashley DiPiazza. And, then, Tony Robinson. But, now, with the death of Corey Ruiz, I fear that our city and its people may never, truly, have a chance to heal. And I grieve that lost opportunity, and my own growing loss of hope.

For those reasons and more, a timely, thorough and fully transparent investigation into Corey's death must take place. I am well aware of the fact that modern history does not reveal any instance in Madison when a law enforcement officer has been criminally charged in an on-duty shooting death. Similarly, no law enforcement officer in Wisconsin has ever been convicted at criminal trial for an on-duty shooting death. Candidly, I have no expectation of a different outcome in Corey's investigation and charging decision by the Dane County District Attorney. But, "legal" and "morally right" are two different standards. And we cannot say, as legislators and as citizens of this great city, that everything was "done right" in Corey's death. We cannot simply pronounce that a young black man's death on our streets at the hands of law enforcement personnel is acceptable and normative. As Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway said in a recent press conference, "It does not matter who you are or what your past is. You should not lose your life as a result of an encounter with law enforcement."

I also want to take this opportunity to praise those alders who decided to withdraw proposals to amend the ordinance creating the Police Civilian Oversight Board and Office of Independent Monitor. Clearly, the PCOB and IM Glass viewed those proposed amendments as harmful to both the independence and the effectiveness of the PCOB/OIM. I urge the Common Council to continue to work with the PCOB/OIM, to find common ground for dialogue, and to work together for the greater good of Madison. That includes appropriate funding of the PCOB/OIM to a minimum of 1% of the Madison Police Department budget. As the only civilian oversight organization monitoring MPD, it is essential that the PCOB/OIM continue their independent work, and that they are supported by appropriate budget dollars to make that work more than perfunctory. I believe that support for the PCOB/OIM is essential in rebuilding the lost trust

between MPD and a significant part of our city's community.

Thank you for reading my plea and listening to my concerns. I encourage you . . . I encourage all of us . . . to find the moral courage to lift up the City of Madison and build the beloved community we all desire.

Respectfully,

Kevin L. Williams

Kevin L Williams

qb12dad@gmail.com

815-236-2666

From: [Christy Wilson-Mendenhall](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Justice for Corey Ruiz
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 4:52:26 PM

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Dear City Alders,

I am heartbroken by the actions and lack of de-escalation by city police that led to the death of Corey Ruiz. I join others in asking for a thorough, transparent, and independent investigation into Corey's death, and for open communication with the public. I hope you will rise to the occasion, propelled by your constituents' grief and anguish, to push the city for transparency, accountability, and necessary changes.

Christy Wilson

From: [Panyia Xiong](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Support Strong Civilian Oversight and Community Accountability
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 9:09:29 AM
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Dear Madison Common Council Members

I am writing to urge you to support meaningful civilian oversight of policing in Madison.

Police should not investigate police. True accountability requires an independent process that communities can trust. When investigations remain within law enforcement, it undermines public confidence and raises concerns about transparency and impartiality.

Rather than weakening civilian oversight, Madison should strengthen it by ensuring community members have real authority, meaningful access to information, and the ability to hold law enforcement accountable. Communities deserve more than symbolic oversight—they deserve a system where their voices have real power in shaping public safety.

Community control is the path toward real accountability. I urge you to protect and strengthen civilian oversight mechanisms and reject efforts that limit community participation or reduce independent accountability.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to serving the people of Madison. I hope you will take meaningful action to ensure a transparent, accountable, and community-centered approach to public safety.

Sincerely,



Panyia Xiong | *she, her, hers*

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Hmong Family Strengthening Helpline: 877-740-4292



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From: michelle_zhang@yahoo.com
To: [All Alders](#)
Subject: accountability now
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 7:56:46 AM

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Please fully fund the civilian police oversight board.

- Michelle Zhang