

From: [Jodi Darst](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: In favor of file 94112, emergency funding for the OIPM
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 1:04:46 PM

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Dear committee members,
I'm a madison resident writing to urge you to provide immediate emergency additional funding to the Office of the Independent Police Monitor.
File 94112

The crisis in our city has reached an intolerable point. Corey Ruiz was killed in an entirely preventable death by the MPD who has a horrific track record of deaths in these types of cases.

This must stop.

Our city is in tatters over this latest killing. The police are no longer trusted. You must make a movement NOW toward deeper emergency funding for the OIPM as a direct result of the current situation.

This is an emergency.

You have the power to support healing and reparations. As City Representatives, you have a moral duty to act today.
Please do not drop this ball.

The OIPM must be immediately given the resources to conduct an independent investigation- full time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel.
Community trust in the MPD has been shattered.
This is the only path forward that has the capacity to calm nerves and work together toward the change and healing our city needs.

You have the power to make change. Please take your responsibility to the safety of our community as seriously as you would if your own child had been the victim of this murder.

Thank you
Jodi Darst
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From: [Angela Richardson](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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Angela Richardson
217 Dunning St, Madison, WI 53704

From: [Kira Milanich](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency funding for OIPM-file 94112 public comment
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Sincerely,
Kira Milanich

From: [Sheila O'Brien](#)
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Sheila O'Brien

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From: [Jody Clowes](#)
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Subject: Emergency funding for OIPM - File 94112 public comment
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I am a Madison resident (1017 Colby St) strongly encouraging emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. The OIPM must have resources to conduct a full independent investigation of the death of Corey Ruiz. This cannot wait until the next budget year.

Thank you,
Jody Clowes

From: [Sarah Hughes](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: funding for OIPM- public comment
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Dear finance committee,

I am a Madison resident, speaking as a private citizen, writing to ask that no additional funds are put towards the OIPM until structures are put in place that will lead to real actionable change. Please do not throw more money at this without systems of accountability in place. Our community demands real, sustainable change, and hastily funding a department that has not proven itself to be successful thus far will only cause more harm.

Thank you,
Sarah Hughes
Madison resident

From: [Maggie Mckichan](#)
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From: [Jacob Palmer](#)
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Hello,

I am a Madison resident writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor.

The people of Madison demand justice for Corey Ruiz. Making the investigation into his death a half measure would show a concerning lack of care for the issue at hand. The OIPM must be given the resources to conduct a full independent investigation with full-time investigators, a case management system, and legal counsel. This funding cannot wait until the 2027 budget.

Regards,

Jake Palmer
Madison Community Member

From: [Sara Meredith](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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Many of you have already heard from me about this but I just want to reiterate 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.

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Sara Meredith

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From: [Amelia Royko Maurer](#)
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Dear MCC Finance Committee,

I was raised and work in the city of Madison and most of my family lives here. I am 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,
Amelia Royko Maurer

From: [David Sterken](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#)
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David Sterken

From: [Zachary Shea](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:19:49 PM

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I am a Madison resident who lives in the Marquette neighborhood on Clemons Ave, 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.

Zach (He/They)
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From: [D Chungyalpa](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
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To the Finance Committee,

I cannot make this meeting due to work but I am a Madison resident writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor.

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Thank you,

Dekila

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Dekila Chungyalpa
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From: [Aedan Gardill](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Give emergency funding to OIPM - Public comment for Finance Meeting 7/27
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:20:58 PM

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Hello,

My name is Aedan 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.

The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation: full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel.

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

Aedan Gardill

From: [Nan Enstad](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
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Sincerely,
Nan Enstad
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From: [Justin BD](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#)
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From: [Michelle Martin Bill Jameson](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
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I live just two streets away from where Cory Ruiz was shot and killed by the MPD. The number of officer related shooting deaths is unacceptable. We need to use this moment to begin the change that is needed to make Madison truly safe for everyone.

Sincerely,
Michelle Martin

From: [Drilling InTheNameOf](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#)
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From: [Gryphon Jameson](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
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From: [Nancy Sorensen](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:29:11 PM

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From: [Devon Snyder](#)
To: [Finance](#); [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:29:56 PM

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My name is Devon Snyder and I am a Madison resident and serve on the Police Civilian Oversight Board. I demand 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.

Thanks,
Devon Snyder

From: [Sharon Kilfoy](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Agenda #1
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:30:50 PM

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Hi,

You are all aware of what is happening on Willy Street. None of us want this, but we are all responsible to make it change.

In an effort to take seriously the value of human life, and to take seriously the need for MPD to change, I urge you to designate emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Monitor TODAY. We have two extremely competent people in that office right now, but they cannot do the job that is required with the current funds allocated. They need investigators, case managers, a case management system and funds for legal support OUTSIDE the municipal lawyers. Community outreach should also be included, so victims of police discrimination know they have advocacy. These changes will benefit all of us – MPD, too.

Please look at the proportion of allocations to MPD compared to the office responsible for overseeing it and IMMEDIATELY allocate the recommended funding to the OIM. Madison still has the opportunity to be a place that can make us all proud.

Thank you

Sharon Kilfoy

Director

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From: [Bill Jameson](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
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My name is Bill Jameson. 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.

It is shameful that in 2026 the Madison Police are still responding with deadly force to a minor situation. The Office of Independent Police Monitor needs funding to address Madison's ongoing Police use of excessive force.

-Bill Jameson

From: [Pamela Oliver](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: public comment on budget: improved support for the Independent Police Monitor and the PCOB
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:34:37 PM

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My name is Pamela Oliver. I have been a resident of the City of Madison since 1980. I am an active member of MOSES but am writing as an individual. I am writing to advocate for full funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor and the Police Civilian Oversight Board. The tragedy around the killing of Corey Ruiz has forcibly reminded the community of the prior police killings in the 2010s and reports and community actions that led to the 2020 ordinance creating the OIM and the PCOB. Thank you.

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Pamela Oliver

From: [Torin Childs](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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Torin W. Childs

From: [Sturgeon](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Fund the IOPM
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:46:49 PM

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I'm a Madison resident at 314 South Hamilton Street, and I urge you to please fund the Independent Office of the Police Monitor. It is especially needed now, and it has been a huge need ever since it has been created and constantly defunded. I don't know how you'd expect any black Madison residents to feel safe in this city without the IOPM fully funded. Please act on this immediately.

Sturgeon Moritz
He/him

From: [Cory Sprinkel](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: File 94112 public comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:48:08 PM

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Hello,

My name is Cory Sprinkel and I am a resident of Madison. Like many in our community, I have been rattled by the viral video depicting the killing of Corey Ruiz by Madison Police. I firmly believe this matter must be thoroughly and transparently investigated. Our city has a great tool to support such an investigation, the Office of the Independent Police Monitor.

To ensure this office is adequately resourced for this case and others, **I am urging the Finance Committee to support the demand for emergency funding for the OIPM.** This is an essential opportunity for Madison to demonstrate effective strategies for dealing with police misconduct and the public request for transparency. Please act in favor of this funding.

Sincerely,
Cory Sprinkel
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Cory Sprinkel

From: [Katie Steen](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
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Dear finance committee members,

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. In situations like this, 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.

From: [Abram Espe](#)
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From: [Gregory Gelembiuk](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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Dear Finance Committee Members,

This is just a quick note. As you all know, I am staff in the Office of the Independent Police Monitor (OIPM). Currently, OIPM is far from having the funding needed for its mission.

As you would have all seen in their presentation, for police oversight agencies that perform investigations (such as us), the National Association for the Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement recommends 1 investigator for every 80 police officers. Under that standard we should have 6-7 full time investigators, given the size of MPD. In reality, there's only me (a 0.6 FTE position - I do data analysis, forensic analysis, case management, and investigation) and Meeka (who heads our office and has a large set of responsibilities separate from investigation). In other words, we are impossibly understaffed. And we lack funding for a lot of other crucial things as well.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gregory Gelembiuk

From: [Lucia Newman](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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From: [Finn Enke](#)
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Subject: emergency funding for OIPM
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Dear Finance Committee,

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: [Tammy](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:53:51 PM

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Tammy Soderling

From: [Rachel Martin](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
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Sincerely,

Rachel Martin

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Madison, WI 53711
608.334.8942

From: [Emily Sonnemann](#)
To: [All Alders](#)
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Sincerely,
Emily Sonnemann
Marquette Neighborhood Resident

From: [Jamie Ames](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:57:20 PM

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Sincerely,
Jamie M. Ames

From: [Amanda Jane Hoffman](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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Hello finance committee and alders,

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Amanda Jane Hoffman
(pronouns: she/her or they/them)



From: [Amie Heeter Yoga & Meditation](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:01:28 PM

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Hello,

I am a Madison resident living in the Marquette neighborhood as a homeowner since 2007, and I'm writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. This office was set up importantly in response to community need for oversight after the killings of Paul Heenan and Tony Robinson in my neighborhood, and then 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 and the OIPM receives \$400,000, 1/2 of 1% of the entire MPD budget. That disparity is a choice and one I do not support. I am asking this committee to make a different one. I want to see them receive what was recommended by the recent NACOLE meeting that took place, and bring the 1% minimum of \$900,000 put in process now. I know this city can afford it, I've been paying taxes as a home owner for 20 years.

Amie Heeter
resident of 229 Merry St

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"Don't ask what the world needs, ask what makes you come alive and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

-Howard Thurman

From: [Megan Kennedy](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:02:38 PM

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From: [Madeline Doon](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Finance Committee](#); [Finance](#); [Lankella, Badri](#); [Verveer, Michael](#); [Vidaver, Regina](#); [Madison, Sabrina](#); [Mayor](#); [O'Brien, Sean](#); [Evers, Tag](#); [heloabadri@yahoo.com](#); [campaign@mikeverveer.com](#); [madisonformadison@gmail.com](#); [seanobrien.vote@gmail.com](#); [info@tagevers.com](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment (Agenda Item 1)
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:04:10 PM

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Hello,

I have been a Madison resident for the last 8 years. I have made an intentional choice to stay in Madison for possibly the rest of my life. I am writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. 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.

In Madison, how many MPD-caused deaths will be enough for you to take real action to hold officers accountable?

July 2026 - Corey Ruiz is killed by Kiel Baitinger-Peterson (still employed)

March 2015 - Tony Robinson is killed by Matt Kenny (still employed and trains new officers today)

2012 - Paul Hennen killed by MPD (also on S Baldwin)

2006 - Victor Montero-Diaz killed by MPD (also on Willy St)

This is MPD's own de-escalation policy. Read it. Then ask what happened on the street where Corey Ruiz was killed. It says:

"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."

It says MFD personnel should respond to the scene or the subject should be transported to an emergency room.

This is MPD policy. Written down. In their own documents.

Corey Ruiz was on a bicycle. He was chased. He was wrestled to the ground. He was shot three times.

We do not yet know everything that happened on that street. The investigation is ongoing. There are no body cameras to tell us what the officers saw or when they made each decision. But this community has a right to ask in public, on the record, and with an independent office backing the question whether every one of these steps was considered before a man lost his life.

That is not a hostile question. That is the question MPD's own policy demands be answerable. The Office of the Independent Police Monitor has the authority to investigate whether MPD's policies were followed. To examine officer decisions. To compare what happened against what the policy requires. To put findings on the public record.

That is why we are fighting to make sure the OIPM has independence, resources, and the authority to do this work without interference.

MPD wrote these policies. The community is entitled to know whether they were followed. Corey Ruiz deserves that answer. His family deserves that answer. This community deserves that answer. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel.

Thanks,
Madeline Doon

From: [Karen Urrutia Polnitz](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Fund the OIPM
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:04:42 PM

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Hello Finance Committee,

In order for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor to properly investigate the murder of Corey Ruiz, we know additional funding is required. Please grant the OIPM the resources needed to conduct a thorough investigation. Our community is in deep pain. This can help if tended to with care and support.

In hope,
Karen

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

"All of us need all of us to make it."

-Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto

From: [Jake Rodgers](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Fully Fund the OIPM
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:05:29 PM

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Good Evening,

I am writing today to ask that you fully fund the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. The OIPM has the authority to conduct an independent investigation and have better oversight over the police with a fully funded budget. Please work to fully fund them.

Thank you,

Jake Rodgers
2518 East Johnson

From: [Leah Beltran](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:05:53 PM

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Leah Beltran

From: [Stephanie Rearick](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Full funding for OIPM work
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:08:22 PM

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Dear finance committee members,

I'm writing as a Madison resident and member of the PCOB.

Please provide emergency supplemental funding for a full independent investigation of the police shooting of Corey Ruiz, and fully fund the office of the Independent Police Monitor going forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Stephanie Rearick

Stephanie Rearick
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From: [Jingles MonicaZ](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: OIPM funding
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:09:20 PM

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Hi, I am a resident of Madison and have been for the past 3 years. I love Madison very much and I think the people of Madison deserve better. Last week, Corey Ruiz was murdered by an officer on duty. This is not the first instance of unnecessary force used by racist MPD officers. Madison deserves better than having its people gunned down in the street. The OIPM must receive full funding.

From: [Lael Sheber](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Emergency funding for OIPM-file 94112 public comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:09:58 PM

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Thank you,
Lael Sheber

From: [Donna Vukelich-Selva](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: today's agenda
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:14:52 PM
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Dear Committee members,

I am writing to ask you to make emergency supplemental funding available for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. In the wake of the tragic death of Corey Ruiz last week, it is clear to me that the OIPM needs to be able to conduct a full and independent investigation. Public trust in the MPD will continue to be compromised without a strong and equitably financed OIPM. This is an urgent issue, and I hope you will take action to ensure the emergency supplemental funding.

Thank you,

Donna L. Vukelich-Selva
(District 11 resident)



Donna Vukelich-Selva, PhD
Associate Professor
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From: [Alicia Ramirez](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
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Thank you,

Alicia Ramirez

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From: [Ashleigh Smiley](#)
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From: [Rachel Rovinsky](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
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Dear Finance Committee of the Madison Common Council,

I am a PhD Student at UW-Madison and 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.

Sincerely,

Rachel Rovinsky

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Madison, WI 53715

From: [Anthony Del Cielo](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
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Hello,

I am an east-side Madison resident, and in light of the recent events I am joining many in the community encouraging emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor.

Thanks,
Anthony Del Cielo\

From: [Loren Eadie](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#)
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