

From: [Michi Regier](#)
To: [Finance](#)
Subject: Public comments - 94112 Council meeting 7/27/26
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 6:47:23 PM

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My name is Michelle Regier and I am a homeowner at 1211 Spaight St. I am speaking about the urgent need for funding for the Office of the Independent monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed on a Madison street five days ago. The OIPM has the authority to conduct an independent investigation, but has no disciplinary power and very little funding. The Finance Committee controls the budget. We are demanding full funding on an ongoing basis for the OIPM. The OIPM needs resources to conduct proper investigations; full time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. While the OIPM receives \$400,000, MPD receives \$9M. This disparity is a choice. Leaving the OIPM toothless is a choice. I am asking the committee to listen to the community and strengthen the OIPM, and to not wait until 2027 to do so.

Respectfully,
your neighbor
Michelle Regier



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From: [Trevor Ewing](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: URGENT Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 5:52:59 PM

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From: [Christine Costanzo](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM-File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 5:48:20 PM

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I am a Madison resident since 1994, living and working on the near east side of town. My office is on the corner of the killing. I am beyond sickened by the deterioration of life in Madison due to the militarization of our police and the lack of any meaningful oversight of the police. 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 due to a blatant escalation by the officer (s) involved. The events that preceded chasing him into a dangerous intersection created the scenario, and then the justification of another killing by the MPD.

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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From: [Zoe Sullivan](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [Matthews, Julia](#)
Subject: Fund the Office of the Independent Police Monitor - File 94112
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 5:37:16 PM

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Hello,

I understand that the City of Madison Finance Committee is meeting today, and I'm writing to request that the city fully fund the Office of the Independent Policy Monitor. The office needs a permanent director and adequate staffing. The current half-time analyst position does not have the capacity to properly carry out the task required.

I support fully funding this office. Ultimately, undoubtedly, it will save the city on money paid out in wrongful death lawsuits and help rebuild trust with the community.

Regards,

Zoe Sullivan

From: [todd callister](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: OIMB funding
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 5:26:02 PM

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The OIMB and the PCOB need to be fully funded and empowered. Use emergency supplemental funding now and take money from the police budget in the future.

Like many residents, I am incensed and disgusted by this killing. It was heinous and unnecessary. These police need to be held accountable.

Todd Callister
317 Riverside Dr
53704

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From: [Karen Craig](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: OIPM and PCOB
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 5:24:38 PM

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Members of the Finance Committee,
The OIM and the PCOB need to be fully funded so they can do their work! Emergency funding makes sense right now in light of the fact that they are underfunded and their work is essential!

Thank You!
Karen Craig

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317 Riverside Drive
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From: [Sydney Zettler](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#); [Lankella, Badri](#); [Verveer, Michael](#); [Vidaver, Regina](#); [Madison, Sabrina](#); [Mayor](#); [O'Brien, Sean](#); [Evers, Tag](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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I registered to speak at the Madison Finance Committee on Monday July 27th at 4:30pm but unfortunately did not receive instructions via email for how to call in. Sending written commentary instead.

I am a Middleton resident, I work in and have lived in Madison numerous times over the past 10 years. 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 kindly for your consideration of this important matter,

~Sydney Zettler

From: [Michelle Robinson](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Fwd: Request for an Independent and Transparent Investigation into the Recent Police Shooting
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 5:07:37 PM

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Forwarding on this email which includes encouragement to support supplemental emergency funding, and to support funding the OIPM effectively.

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From: **Michelle Robinson** <michellerobinsonwright@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2026 at 3:09 PM
Subject: Re: Request for an Independent and Transparent Investigation into the Recent Police Shooting
To: Madison, Sabrina <district17@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>, Patterson, John <JPatterson@cityofmadison.com>

Dear Alder Madison,

Thank you for adding Chief Patternson to the thread.

I have intentionally held off on responding because, once the Chief was included, it became important to me that I was clear about what I wanted to articulate. I felt that clarity needed to be informed first and foremost by Corey Ruiz's family—what they want, what they need, and how they hope to move through this moment. Second, I wanted to ground my response in what I understand about the problem itself: where power and levers for change actually exist, what authority municipal government has, and what I believe the root causes are. There is so much happening right now that it has become difficult to separate policy from politics, and while I worked deeply in this space for a number of years, it has not been where my policy capacity has lived for the last seven years.

One reality that I believe must become clearer to everyone witnessing these moments is this: when a police officer kills a civilian, the matter is not immediately treated as a criminal one. It is first a workplace and policy matter. The initial question is whether departmental policy was violated, and only then, if certain legal thresholds are met, whether the incident is referred to the criminal justice system. For many in our community, this process feels fundamentally unjust because we know that if the circumstances involved only civilians, an arrest would likely have already occurred—or a manhunt would already be underway.

I also recognize that there is substantial legal precedent governing officers' use of deadly force, particularly when they assert they feared for their lives. I understand that changing that precedent is extraordinarily difficult. However, where I do see meaningful opportunity for action at the municipal level is through strengthening the Office of the Independent Police Monitor.

I believe wholeheartedly in a well-funded, operationally sound, truly independent Office of the Independent Police Monitor. I do not believe we can continue to wait for future budget cycles to provide it with the resources necessary to fulfill the authority it has already been given. Just

as importantly, I think we must identify where our own municipal policies may unintentionally constrain the office from operating at the fullest extent of that authority.

The recent findings surrounding the death of Richard Lee Johnson, along with the current investigation into Corey's death, underscore why this capacity matters. An independent office should have the staffing, investigative resources, legal support, and operational infrastructure necessary not only to investigate individual incidents thoroughly, but also to identify patterns across cases. Over time, that work can help build the evidence needed to challenge assumptions, inform policy reforms, and strengthen accountability.

Ultimately, I believe one of the most important functions of independent oversight is the ability to collect, investigate, and document cases like Derek's, Corey's, and others—not simply to revisit individual tragedies, but to better understand the systemic conditions that produce them. Those records become the foundation for stronger policy, better training, and, where appropriate, broader legal and legislative reforms.

I also believe we need to fundamentally reframe what accountability means in policing. With the extraordinary authority to use lethal force must come an extraordinary level of responsibility. Police officers should never view deadly force as routine. They should dread having to discharge their weapon every bit as much as civilians dread finding themselves on the other end of it. Our shared goal should be preventing every preventable death.

Choosing to become a police officer means accepting responsibilities and risks that the average civilian does not. In return, our community should expect the highest standards of training, judgment, restraint, and de-escalation. Civilians should not bear the consequences of inadequate training, poor de-escalation practices, or failures in decision-making.

I recently saw community advocacy encouraging residents to support emergency supplemental funding for the OIPM before the Finance Committee. While I have not independently verified all of the specific figures circulating online, I do believe the underlying concern is an important one: if we expect the OIPM to conduct meaningful independent oversight, we must ensure it has the staffing, investigative capacity, legal resources, and operational support necessary to do so. An office cannot fulfill its mission if we have not equipped it to succeed.

Thank you again for your leadership during an extraordinarily difficult week. I appreciate your willingness to engage with community members, and I hope we can use this moment not only to seek answers in this case but to strengthen the systems that are meant to ensure transparency, accountability, and public trust moving forward.

Sincerely,

Michelle Robinson

On Wed, Jul 22, 2026 at 5:29 PM Madison, Sabrina <district17@cityofmadison.com> wrote:
(All alders bcc'd)

Michelle,

I've watched the videos across socials and found what I saw on these videos to be disturbing and angering to the say the least.

I've just watched the livestream of the Chief's update and learned that the community member did not survive. That was heartbreaking to hear, and my thoughts are with him and his loved ones.

I agree with your points and will continue to support these efforts as I've done since joining the Council.

I also agree about transparency and independent oversight being important and it's why I asked the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) to present to the full common council last night. It was important to me that all alders and the general public have a foundation for how oversight board's function as well as to get some operating best practices from NACOLE.

While this is a difficult moment, I will encourage alders to reach out to the appropriate agencies for updates, to ask questions about processes when they have them, and to continue working on improving the City overall.

Lastly, I've spoken to the Chief (copied on this thread) already today and will also reach out again about the next steps with the Wisconsin Department of Justice Criminal Investigation, District Attorney's Office and the Office of the Independent Monitor.

I appreciate your reaching out,
Sabrina

Alder Sabrina Madison, District 17
Common Council President

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From: Michelle Robinson <michellerobinsonwright@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 4:47 PM
To: All Alders <allalders@cityofmadison.com>; Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Request for an Independent and Transparent Investigation into the Recent Police Shooting

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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: [SJ Hemmerich](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 5:00:10 PM

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Sincerely,

From: [genevieve parmentier](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Fw: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:56:58 PM

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Hello,

I am a Madison resident writing in full support of the reasonable and urgent demand for emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor.

A fellow citizen, Corey Ruiz, was senselessly 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 that reflects poorly on the City of Madison. I am asking this committee to make a courageous and better choice. This cannot wait until 2027.

Sincerely,

Genevieve Parmentier
218 Dunning St
Madison, WI 53704

From: [e blessing](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Emergency funding for OIPM (File 94112 Public Comment)
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:56:12 PM

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Hello members of the Finance Committee,

I write to you as a Madison resident, urging you to authorize emergency funding to allow the Office of the Independent Police Monitor to conduct a full investigation into the murder of Corey Ruiz by a Madison police officer on July 22.

Our community needs justice and accountability. This starts with a complete and independent investigation. The OIPM must be equipped with full-time investigators, a case management system and independent legal council. They currently have one part-time data analyst and an annual budget of \$400,000. Meanwhile, MPD has 584 staff and a budget of \$90 million. That disparity is a choice.

Corey was shot in middle of the street, 3 blocks from where I live. Friends of mine were at the intersection and witnessed his horrific death at the hands of MPD Officer Keil Peterson. Our neighborhood is still traumatized from an all too similar event 11 years ago, when MPD Officer Matt Kenny responded to a request for a wellness check by breaking into Tony Robinson's house and murdering him.

Choose to invest in justice and healing for our city. We cannot wait for the 2027 budget cycle to resolve this crisis. We need action now.

Thank you,

Jamie Blessing
District 6
Madison, WI

From: [Jenny Pressman](#)
To: [Finance](#)
Subject: Fwd: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:47:54 PM

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From: Jenny Pressman <jenniferpressman@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 27, 2026 at 4:04 PM
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
To: <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: <allalders@cityofmadison.com>

To members of the City of Madison Finance Committee and all Common Council Alders:

I am a resident of the near east side of Madison 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 just blocks from my house. I have been at the intersection of Williamson and Baldwin Streets every day since last Wednesday, bearing witness to and joining in the pain, grief, anger, and determination of our community to make needed changes, changes our city could have made over a decade ago when Tony Robinson was also killed by an MPD officer blocks from my house.

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,

Jenny Pressman

1133 Rutledge St.

From: [Molly Minden](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:46:16 PM

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I am a Madison (District 6) 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!
Molly

From: [p.k](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 1
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:45:17 PM

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Hello,

I urge you to act upon the lack of funds for the OIPM. I want funding to go to this group, so that we can avoid future murders in our neighborhoods, and hold police who have committed these murders accountable for their actions. The OIPM deserves to be supported in this mission which is ultimately about our safety as a community!

Thank you.

From: [h.vh](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM - File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:42:52 PM

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To the City of Madison 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. 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,
Henry

From: [Jess Draws](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#); [Matthews, Julia](#); [Mayor](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:41:17 PM

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Dear Members of the Finance Committee, Mayor, and Alders,

I am a Madison east side resident writing to urge you to approve emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor (OIPM).

Following the fatal shooting of Corey Ruiz on July 22 by MPD officer Kiel Baitinger-Peterson, it is essential that the OIPM has the resources necessary to conduct a thorough and independent investigation. That includes funding for full-time investigators, a modern case management system, and independent legal counsel.

The Madison Police Department receives approximately \$90 million in funding, while the OIPM receives approximately \$400,000. Whether or not one agrees with those budget priorities overall, the current disparity leaves the independent oversight office without the capacity many residents expect it to have in moments like this.

I ask you to provide emergency supplemental funding rather than waiting until the 2027 budget cycle. Independent oversight is most meaningful when it has the resources to act promptly and effectively.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jess Draws
Madison resident represented by District 12 Alder Julia Matthews

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Jess Draws
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From: [Mandy Bell](#)
To: [Finance](#)
Subject: emergency funding for OIPM file 94112 public comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:40:59 PM

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Thank you,
Amanda Hill

From: [Connie Shaw](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Funding OIM
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:38:03 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: [Jennifer Falkowski](#)
To: [Finance](#)
Subject: Funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:35:56 PM

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

Jennifer



Jen

From: [Matthew Calvert](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [Mayer, Davy](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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I am a Madison District 6 resident writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. The independent report of this office in the killing of Corey Ruiz is essential to public trust and transparency.

Please support increasing the budget to provide emergency resources for a fully staffed and timely review.

Sincerely, Matt Calvert

1232 Spaight St.

From: [Kirsten Martin](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Finance/Corey/independence police monitoring
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:35:05 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: [Aimee Marlette](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:33:44 PM

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Hello,

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Aimee Marlette

From: [Steve Verburg](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:32:51 PM

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Members of the Finance Committee:

I am a Madison resident, and I'm writing to you today to request immediate emergency funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor.

If you don't have before you a proposal for such emergency funding, you should, and I ask every one of you to contact the OIM and ask her exactly what is needed for that office to operate sufficiently for the remainder of the fiscal year.

If you have any doubt about the need for this emergency funding, please contact the OIM.

If you have any doubt about why a fully funded OIM is needed, read the OIM report of the death of Richard Lee Johnson. <https://www.cityofmadison.com/independent-police-monitor/blog/2026-06-15/investigative-report-oipm2025-0009>

The everyday callousness and duplicity of the Madison Police Department is on full display in this report. This is not a matter of dueling medical examiner reports, or a difference of opinion. Read the report. It is scrupulously researched and documented. If you read it carefully there will be no doubt in your mind about the need for a fully funded OIM.

The OIM has the potential to begin to rein in Madison Police Department's long history of race-based violence and disparate enforcement -- but it cannot do that work with \$400,000 and one part-time data analyst.

MPD's willingness to execute a man in front of multiple witnesses with cameras demonstrates that they department is spinning out of control. The next Corey Ruiz could happen any day. When it does, you will be dealing with a much more difficult problem than you face now.

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.

Emergency supplemental funding for the OIM must cover a: full-time investigative staff, a case management system and case manager, legal support independent from the City Attorney, and community outreach capacity.

We need action now. You may not know it, but you need action now.

Thank you.

Steve Verburg
Wendy Lane
Madison, Wisconsin

From: [jen rubin](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:31:48 PM

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Hi, my name is Jen Rubin and I am a Madison resident writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. I live two blocks from where Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. Standing on this corner, I can see a few blocks down on Willy where a Madison police officer fatally shot Tony Robinson in 2015. Standing on this corner, I can see one block down on Baldwin where a Madison police officer fatally shot Paulie Heenan in 2012. And a few more blocks down Baldwin, where a Madison police officer fatally shot Michael Schumacher in 2016. While each of these four fatal shootings happened in very different circumstances, what they have in common is that an officer pulled his gun and then used fatal force.

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.

Jen

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And check out my book: [*We Are Staying: Eighty Years in the Life of a Family, a Store, and a Neighborhood*](#)

From: [Alisha Steele](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: alders@cityofmadison.com
Subject: OIM emergency funding
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:31:01 PM

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I am a longtime resident of Madison and I am horrified by another police killing in our city, but not surprised.

I have been a supporter of the PCOB and the OIM for years, pushing for real reform and accountability. In the last couple of years there have been efforts to actually weaken the PCOB and OIPM. That is the opposite of what this city needs!

In fact what we need at this very moment in time is immediate emergency funding for the OIPM.

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

You see what is happening in the city. This cannot wait until 2027.

Alisha Steele

(Alder Matthews district on the Northside)

From: [Emily Mills](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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Hello,

I am a Madison resident writing to strongly urge the passage of 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 and thorough, independent investigation, including full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel.

MPD receives \$90 million. The OIPM receives \$400,000. Budgets are moral documents. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

-Emily Mills

1021 Melvin Ct. Madison WI 53704

From: [Lisa Lauren](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Corey Ruiz
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:30:17 PM

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Hello,

It is our duty as community members to hold accountable the egregious public execution of Corey Ruiz. It is imperative for the oversight committee to have full access and cooperation with the police department in order to move forward with justice. If you are a person who says you care about the safety of ALL our community members, please show it by passing this.

Thank you,
-Lisa Lauren, E Johnson st

From: [Alanna Fearing](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:30:16 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.

Sincerely,

Alanna Fearing

From: [Mary Riddle](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Cameras.
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:30:08 PM

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enough is enough. I support MPD. The time has passed for denying police cameras they've requested. My Grandmother was a Madison cop in the 60s. She would have insisted on cameras to support both sides.

From: [Robin Lisowski](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: OIPM Funding Emergency
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:29:59 PM

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Alders and Finance Committee,

I am a Madison resident in District 1 writing to urge you to approve emergency supplemental funding for the Office of Independent Police Monitor in response to the murder of Corey Ruiz on July 22, 2026. The OIPM must have adequate resources to conduct a full and independent investigation, which requires full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. My understanding is that the OIPM currently has an annual budget of \$400,000, which is not sufficient for it to fulfill its independent function, and this matter cannot wait until the 2027 budget is sorted. As taxpayer with spend priorities, I support reallocating planned spend that is discretionary in nature to meet this need.

Robin

Robin Lisowski
608.213.2652
rlisowski@hotmail.com

From: TheWilliad@proton.me
To: [All Alders](#); [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:29:22 PM

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Thank you, for choosing to be those to whom we bring all this trouble to when it comes. I'm sorry that you cannot fix this fast enough to limit the damage; it can only be deescalated with transparency.

There is a disturbingly-recurring pattern for which this and previous administrations' attempts' have since proven inadequate.

I'm writing for you to please consider the increasing harm being done to the public confidence and trust of increasingly more of your constituents, more and more of whom *do not believe* the MPD is here to protect anyone but themselves... and the longer transparency takes to get to accountability, the more irreparable the damage to public trust gets.

Our faith in our public institutions has been shaken over and over by their repeated inability to meet the moment, or see patterns clearly.

We all understand, that everyone here is in an awful position. It makes NONE of us look good. I can sympathize with the officers' legitimate fears, but it is possible for anyone to make the wrong call when adrenaline is in the driver's seat. It being understandable doesn't mean it wasn't still wrong.

Public institutions can no longer be trusted to run on integrity; from now on they must run by new levels of transparency, or they will face calls for thorough accountability.

I believe that emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor is the BARE MINIMUM THIS COMMUNITY WILL ACCEPT.

IT MATTERS MORE that Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22, BECAUSE this pattern was finally inarguably visible, and now we're about to make the same mistakes again. The OIPM needs every resource the city can spare to conduct an credibly unconflicted, fully independent investigation — because the science of bias is clear- it cannot be eliminated, and in an era of unprecedented corruption at higher levels, THIS IS how you CAN MEET today's 'moment'.

No one expects it will get treated with the same alarm or alacrity that, say an attractive coed athlete gone missing would garner; but- I'd recommend it.

Again, thank you, your community really needs to see your leadership, we're all counting on you.

Due process is not a ceiling, it's a floor.

Will Turnbull, Madison

From: [Lisa Charron](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#)
Subject: Emergency funding for OIPM
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:28:43 PM

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Hello,

My name is Lisa Charron and I live less than a block from where Corey Ruiz was killed on July 22.

I am writing to urge you to provide emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation.

The Madison Police Department receives \$90 million annually. The OIPM receives \$400,000, which is 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: a 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.

Thank you for your time.

Lisa Charron
1317 E Wilson St
Madison, WI 53703

From: [Christopher Todd Hayes-Birchler](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:28:33 PM

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Hello,

I am a Madison resident living on the city's west side. The recent killing of Corey Ruiz highlights the importance of a fully independent police monitor group. 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.

Policing in this city is important, but when you give groups like the police power it is imperative to have independent groups that ensure that power is not abused. The OIPM adds to the integrity of our city, and assures all citizens that the police are acting in appropriate ways. This in turn adds to the integrity of the police and helps keep our officers safe. Please fund this monitoring agency.

-Todd Hayes-Birchler

From: [Alexandra Wilburn](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Fund Police independent monitor
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:27:26 PM

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Provide all funding office of Police independent monitor and PCOB ask for/recommend.

Thank you.

From: [T. S. Banks](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:25:16 PM

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Greetings Finance Committee,

I am T. Banks 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.

Sincerely
-T

From: imperlh@proton.me
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM- File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:24:35 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 murdered by an MPD officer on July 22nd. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation- full time investigation, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD received \$98.5 million. The OIPM receives \$400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different choice. This cannot wait until 2027. Please invest in a committee that truly keep us safe, especially BIPOC community members of Madison, WI.
Hal Imperl

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From: [Jen Voichick](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Funding for OIPM
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Dear Finance Committee

Please provide the OIPM the funds necessary to do its job. It is apparent that more than \$400,000 is needed for the work, including a full investigation by OIPM of Corey Ruiz's death.

Thank you for your consideration

Jennifer Voichick

From: [IAArman](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [All Alders](#)
Subject: OIPM Funding
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:22:27 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. Please do the right thing.

From: [Autumn Yael Fearing-Kabler](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [Lankella, Badri](#); [Verveer, Michael](#); [Vidaver, Regina](#); [Madison, Sabrina](#); [Mayor](#); [O'Brien, Sean](#); [Evers, Tag](#)
Subject: Further Fund the OIPM Now. Justice for Corey Ruiz
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:21:13 PM

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Greetings City Representatives,

My name is Autumn Fearing-Kabler. I am a Madison resident and City employee with Madison Public Library. 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.

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Autumn Fearing-Kabler
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"How many times have you noticed that it's the little quiet moments in the midst of life that seem to give the rest extra-special meaning?" -Fred Rogers

From: [Chris Judkins-Fisher](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: OIPM funding
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Hello,

I'm writing to urge the finance committee to provide all the funding necessary for the OIPM to conduct a thorough, independent investigation of Corey Ruiz's killing.

Thanks,
Chris Judkins-Fisher
402 Clemons Ave
Madison, WI 53704

From: [Chloe Anne Madison](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Submitting Public Comment Agenda Item #1 7/27/26
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:19:13 PM

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Hello,

My name is Chloe Madison, I'm a resident of Madison and I would like to submit public comment to the finance committee as follows:

Corey Ruiz was killed on a Madison street five days ago. The OIPM has the authority to conduct an independent investigation but lacks the resources - full time investigators, a case management system, and legal counsel, to name a few. It has \$400,000 and one part-time analyst to do it. The MPD has a budget of \$90 million. The disparity of these budgets is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different choice; one that respects the humanity and needs of all of our neighbors, and doesn't criminalize mental health crises or being unhoused. I am asking this committee to actively support justice: real, tangible justice. This can not wait until 2027.

Thank you for your time.

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From: [Heather Calvert](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM - File 94112 Public Comment
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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.

Heather Calvert
Madison, Wisconsin

From: redgee330@proton.me
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Full funding for PCOB and OIM
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:17:09 PM

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Finance committee members,

I am writing today to urge you to tie funding of the Police Civilian Oversight Board and the Office of the Independent Monitor to the police budget. The budget for the PCOB and OIM should be 5% of the police budget. As a resident of Madison I demand community control over the actions of the city's police force. We need to have the resources for an independent body to hold the MPD responsible for their actions. Police should answer to the community, not the other way around. Corey Ruiz should still be alive. If this city prioritized funding housing and mental health services, he still could be. It's not too late to change the way this city operates. It must start with the allocation of resources. If the flow of money doesn't change, there will be no material changes in the community.

Don't try to wait out this issue. It won't go away. You will say that these things take time, which is why it must start today. Every day you waste wringing your hands over propriety is another day the MPD terrorizes our Black communities. If you sit back and do nothing, Corey Ruiz's blood is on your hands.

Angrily,
Reggie Hein
Madison 53714

From: [Barbara Chusid](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 1 — File 94112 is Public Comment.
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:16:07 PM

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I'd like to register in support of Emergency Funding for Office of the independent police monitor.

Agenda Item 1 — File 94112 is Public Finance Committee act on emergency funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor.

Corey Ruiz was killed on a Madison street five days ago. The OIPM has the authority to conduct an independent investigation. It has \$400,000 and one part-time analyst to do it. That is not enough. The Finance Committee controls the budget.

Barbara Chusid
608-712-7729
2706 Center Ave
Apt. 1
Madison, WI
53704

From: [J Hack](#)
To: [All Alders](#); [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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Sincerely,
Janna

From: [Philippa Bergmann](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Support for fully funded & empowered OIPM
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:13:35 PM

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Hello, 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. The OIPM must have the resources AND subpoena power 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 for your time.

Philippa Bergmann
27 Anniversary Ct. 53704
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From: [Amanda Shubert](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#)
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Dear Finance Committee,

My name is Amanda Shubert, and I am a resident of the Marquette neighborhood (53703). I live on Jenifer Street, between Baldwin and Few, roughly a block from the stretch of pavement on Williamson Street where a member of the Madison Police Department murdered my neighbor Corey Ruiz on Wednesday, July 22. Like many in my community, most especially Corey's family and friends, I am devastated by Corey's violent death and deeply disturbed by the lack of accountability from MPD and the city.

I write to register my public comment as part of Agenda Item 1 in today's Finance Committee Meeting. **I am asking you to authorize emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor.** The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation. That includes full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives a budget of \$90 million. The OIPM receives \$400,000. That disparity is unconscionable, and it cannot be allowed to stand in this time of profound crisis for our city. The Madison community needs answers about what happened to Corey Ruiz now, and we must have an impartial, independent investigation.

We cannot wait until the 2027 budget cycle to get answers about the killing of Corey Ruiz. Please authorize emergency supplemental funding for OIPM today.

Sincerely,

Dr. Amanda Shubert
1221 Jenifer Street
Madison WI 53703

From: [Liz Amaya](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM- File 94112 Public Comment
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Thank you,
Liz Amaya

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From: [Katie Kirchgasler](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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Dear Finance Committee Members,

My name is Katie and 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.

We must do everything we can to change the systems and structures that made possible Corey's death by police shooting, starting with this action.

Sincerely,

Katie Kirchgasler

From: [Luke Peters](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#); [Lankella, Badri](#); [Verveer, Michael](#); [Vidaver, Regina](#); [Madison, Sabrina](#); [O'Brien, Sean](#); [Evers, Tag](#)
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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.

Thank you,
Luke Peters
417 N 7th St

From: [Isabella Palange](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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Hello,

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

After the murder of Corey Ruiz by an MPD officer on July 22, the OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation, including full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives \$90 million, while the OIPM receives just \$400,000. I am asking this committee to make the choice to close the gap in this disparity. This is a matter that is urgent and cannot wait.

Best,
Isabella Palange

From: [Tanya Cunningham](#)
To: [Finance](#)
Subject: OIPM Funding
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:06:50 PM

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

Tanya Cunningham
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From: [Samantha Bosco](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [Lankella, Badri](#); [Verveer, Michael](#); [Vidaver, Regina](#); [Madison, Sabrina](#); [Mayor](#); [O'Brien, Sean](#); [Evers, Tag](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:05:45 PM

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Greetings

My name is Samantha Bosco, 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 so much, Samantha

From: [Jenny Pressman](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#)
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To members of the City of Madison Finance Committee and all Common Council Alders:

I am a resident of the near east side of Madison 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 just blocks from my house. I have been at the intersection of Williamson and Baldwin Streets every day since last Wednesday, bearing witness to and joining in the pain, grief, anger, and determination of our community to make needed changes, changes our city could have made over a decade ago when Tony Robinson was also killed by an MPD officer blocks from my house.

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,

Jenny Pressman

1133 Rutledge St.

From: [Ann Haase Kehl](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Support for additional funding for Office of the Independent Police Monitor
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:04:42 PM

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I am a Madison resident writing to urge additional funding for OIPM. This is essential as we move forward in these challenging times.

Ann Haase Kehl
622 Piper Dr

From: [Catherine Becerra](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM - File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 8:49:09 AM

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Hello,

I am a Madison resident who is also a social worker, 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. Often times multiple cops about 3-6 arrive at one call that isn't a threat. I have gone on ride alongs and about 4 cops would go to a domestic dispute where no one was escalated and one or two cops would do the job while the rest stood around doing nothing. There are multiple new electric vehicles which include new mustangs that rarely get used in the city garage. Meanwhile 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,
Catherine

Sent from my iPhone

From: [ro grok-gallagher](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 8:49:10 AM

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Dear Madison City 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. 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.

Kindly,

Nero Grok-Gallagher

From: [Caitlin Hussey](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:10:50 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Thank you,
Caitlin Hussey

From: [Cindi Estey](#)
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#); [Pritchett, Joann](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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URGENT

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.

Cindi Estey
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Madison, Wisconsin 53717
608-438-5883

From: estephens17@protonmail.com
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Cc: [All Alders](#)
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Good afternoon,

My name is Ellie Stephens and I am sending this as a resident of the City of Fitchburg. I understand that my home address does not fall within the boundaries of the City of Madison, but I do work and spend half my time within Madison city limits and thus I must speak out as a member of our community.

I am writing to amplify the demand for 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. We are asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

Thank you for your time and consideration. In solidarity,
Ellie

From: tmroche85@gmail.com
To: [Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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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.

Tessa Roche
Sent from my iPhone

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To: [Finance Committee](#)
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I am a Madison resident. I am writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Last Wednesday, July 22, Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer. I and many others have viewed video footage made public that brings grave concern about this killing.

The OIPM needs the financial 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. Our community has an urgent need now.

Thank you,
Ann Wingate
53713

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