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Dear Alders:

This is my personal statement regarding the September 2, 2025 Common Council [Agenda](#), Item 66: Amending Section 5.20 of the Madison General Ordinances to modify the Police Civilian Oversight Board appointment process, ref: [File # 85327](#).

Although an active member of [MOSES](#) and its [Justice and Policing Task Force](#), my statements are my own and do not represent the organization.

I support the August 20, 2025 recommendation of the Police Civilian Oversight Board (PCOB):

to make the following change to MGO Section 5.20(3)(a)3: "The Office of the Independent Monitor, in conjunction with the Police Civilian Oversight Board, shall seek nominations from a designated set of nine (9)...."; and to make no other changes to the Ordinance.

This recommendation excludes the Mayor and Common Council, in collaboration with the Department of Civil Rights, from the appointment process specified in the Ordinance. I support that change, which is in the spirit of a portion of the 85327 Figuero Cole amendment. Although I would support that noted exclusion in the Figuero Cole amendment, I oppose the remainder of the amendment, which excludes the PCOB from the appointment process and which eliminates the existing provision of the Ordinance to give priority to organizations with budgets under \$1 million.

The intended purpose of the Police Civilian Oversight Board is to directly represent impacted communities, especially disproportionately impacted Black and brown people in our community. As such, it is inappropriate for the Mayor and Common Council to have a role in the appointment process. Additionally, community organizations with larger budgets are part of the institutional power structure of the city and are more centrist, while organizations with smaller budgets are closer to the grassroots this body was formed to represent.

I urge the Common Council to amend the Ordinance to comply with the recommendations of the PCOB, to cease re-referrals to the PCOB, and to dispense with any future amendment proposals.

Sincerely,

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Hello,

I am writing to say that I would like to Common Council to vote on the agenda item 85237 based on the language from the PCOB and not on any other changes. I am in favor of the proposed language.

Thank you,

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