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Subject: [All Alders] Police Independent Monitor
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Madison, Wisconsin. 53705 Yes, by email. marykateada@gmail.com All Alders Police Independent Monitor I'm a 72 year old white woman. I've lived in Madison for 25 years. I care deeply about this city. I want us to be the best we can be. AND I believe that having independent monitoring of our police officers is ESSENTIAL in that quest. PLEASE keep the independent monitor in the budget - fully supported and with continued independence. Enough with the falsehoods and drama.

From: Bonnie Roe
To: All Alders
Cc: Munger, Sam R.; Haas, Michael R; Schmiedicke, David; Hillson, Erin
Subject: Moving Madison Oversight from Defensive Rhetoric to Systemic Design
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 4:27:51 PM

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Dear Members of the Common Council,

As we look ahead to the structural runway provided by the recent contract extension for the Interim Independent Police Monitor, Madison has a unique opportunity to elevate our civic conversation. Much of the recent public commentary frames the ongoing friction within City Hall as a localized, personal conflict. However, evaluating our current oversight model reveals a much deeper, less personal reality: we are trying to manage a systemic design flaw with defensive rhetoric. True, independent accountability is a vital community necessity, but to be effective and sustainable, it cannot be performative, and it cannot exist outside the standard rules of municipal governance.

Dismissing standard administrative protocols as "technocratic discourse" undermines public trust. When city leaders raise valid, audited concerns regarding data security (such as ensuring that unredacted files containing the names of crime victims are not stored on personal, unencrypted laptops) they are executing their basic fiduciary duty to protect residents. Accountability is a two-way street; an oversight body cannot demand total transparency from law enforcement while bucking standard data-privacy laws and municipal policy memos.

While past traumas are real and must be respected, policy must be built on ongoing, comprehensive data. Audited metrics from the MPD 2025 Annual Report prove that recordable force occurs in only about **0.25%** of all calls for service. That means **99.75%** of daily police dispatches are entirely non-violent, service-oriented, successfully de-escalated interactions (medical, mental health, traffic, compliance, community policing,...) Building a multi-million dollar oversight apparatus exclusively optimized for an adversarial warzone ignores 99.75% of how the police department actually operates.

Conflating MPD's operational budget with the OIM's administrative budget obscures the real structural issue.
Regarding the Internal Affairs department within MPD investigating their own officers, that is completely normal. Companies evaluate employee conduct all the time. They're looking for violations of policy and procedure, company standards, etc. An MPD Internal Affairs investigation is normal and there is no conflict of interest for an internal affairs board to conduct an investigation into their own employee's behavior. This is part of quality assurance. Body cameras would be extremely helpful in evaluating quality of service on a call for service (like the December 19th high-profile incident, which was a response to a call for service by someone in our City).

The Independent Monitor may wish to conduct an investigation involving the PCOB Chair, although it gets complicated by the fact that the PCOB Chair, at the heart of a criminal investigation, also supervises the Independent Monitor. It would've been wise for the City to hire outside counsel to investigate this, as there is some level of conflict of interest. MPD conducts a lot of Internal Affairs investigations of MPD employees every year. But if the

Internal Affairs Lieutenant was involved as a subject in a case, they certainly wouldn't have the IA Sergeant conducting the investigation. It wouldn't happen.

These PSIA investigations are obviously not criminal investigations. They decide whether or not the officers involved acted in accordance with their training, policies, and procedures. Can you imagine if MPD did not have an Internal Affairs bureau (like every other police department around)? It would have been one of the first recommendations in the OIR Report.

Instead of defending a structurally vulnerable, isolated office with defensive rhetoric, Madison should evolve this conversation toward a modern Inspector General (IG) framework. An IG model achieves everything advocates want: it is granted true statutory independence with a dedicated budget to hire independent legal counsel, permanently severing the conflict with the City Attorney. Furthermore, an IG expands accountability to monitor contracts, TID allocations, and operations across all city departments. It looks for fraud, waste, and abuse and could fund the office more adequately through cost savings.

Let's elevate the conversation. Real, non-performative accountability is achieved through brilliant institutional design, not by branding standard municipal process as "gossip."

Thank you,

Bonnie Roe
District 11

From: Amelia Royko Maurer
To: All Alders
Subject: Gossip mongers
Date: Monday, June 1, 2026 9:52:43 AM

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Dear City of Madison Common Council,

Please read the column below. It both clarifies where the conflict of interest lies in the investigatory process of Madison police officer behavior and, it calls upon city agents to stop attacking, lying about and wasting the time of Monitor Glass, the OIM and the PCOB.

I urge you all to ask this question as individuals and a collective body:

Is obstructing the conveyance of truth to Madison residents and using political power as a vehicle for yours or a colleague's petty, personal vendetta something any of you want as part of your public legacy?

I have hit a personal limit, answering people who have suffered excruciating loss, asking why some of you would lead the charge in attacking and wasting the time of the OIM and PCOB knowing all the while who it is you are actually hurting. That might not mean much coming from me but frankly, it doesn't have to.

The fact is, the state of MPD has always been the responsibility of the Madison Common Council. Whatever is happening there right now… the culture they foster, however they are treating residents - you are responsible. The Council of 2020 understood this and passed an historic MPD reform package that took years to form and included the input of nationally and locally renowned experts including 1000s of residents most impacted by policing. Whatever within that mandate that has yet to be implemented and the suffering that delay continues to cause is 100% on you.

https://madison365.com/the-independent-oversight-of-gossipmongers/

Thank you again to those of you who see the incredible leadership in the OIM and PCOB, who do prioritize public safety over loyalty and who refuse to play political games with people's lives.

Amelia Royko Maurer

From: Richard Sandrock
To: All Alders
Subject: Independent Monitor and PCOB
Date: Monday, June 1, 2026 10:57:05 AM

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Please fund the Independent Monitor and PCOB.....as my family was negatively impacted by the murder of Paulien in cold blood years ago and the realization that the "fix was in" I ask you to have the courage to do what is right.....you may have to explain this to your children and they are going to ask where you were when this crookedness in the system was in place and you had the chance to challenge it.....Sleep tight.....

Richard Sandrock

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3529 Lucia crest
Madison, Wisconsin. 53705 Yes, by email. frankjs1947@gmail.com All Alders Police independent monitor l am a 80 year old white male living in Madison since 1972. Having observed Madison policing for all that time I have come to the conclusion that the independent monitor is VERY necessary to control the excesses of our police department. The death of Tony Robinson by Matt Kenny is a prime example of the police department not able to investigate itself. You need to fully support, financially fund, and keep the independent monitor in place.