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CALL TO ACTION - IT'S JUST A QUICK EMAIL : PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY

There are still amendments in Legistar file 92386 (posted below) that threaten the independence of the Office of the Independent Police Monitor (OIM) and Police Civilian Oversight Board (PCOB).

Please email alders Yannette Figueroa Cole, Council President Sabrina Madison, Derek Field and Will Ochowicz and ask them to discontinue their amendments in Legistar file 92386 that threaten the independence of the Office of the Independent Monitor and the Police Civilian Oversight Board. These amendments make no sense, they have wasted significant time and tax dollars that should have been spent on fulfilling the OIM and PCOB mandate to investigate harm caused by MPD and to prevent injury and death.

1.) One amendment would end OIPM's right of access to MPD databases and restrict access to MPD records. This is inconsistent with the national standard.

2.) The second amendment would restrict OIM/PCOB's right to use an independent attorney, requiring use of the City Attorney despite a structural conflict of interest. It would also require OIM/PCOB to comply with all city administration policies (APMS), even when those APMS undermine its function and independence.

3.) The third amendment would place an elected official on the PCOB, eliminating PCOB independence.

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Alders who wish to address what they feel are problems within the OIM or PCOB or who wish to help strengthen the office have always had these options available to them:

1.) Ask the OIM and PCOB members questions and for solutions.

2.) Consult with the primary author of the ordinance, Rebecca Kemble, who is uncompromisingly, unquestionably pro-independent oversight and highly educated on the subject.

3.) Consult with the National Police Accountability Project, a nonprofit that has extensive experience with civilian police oversight mechanisms.

4.) Invite Florance Finkle to a meeting. She is in OIR group (the group that reviewed MPDs policies, procedures and culture) and the President of the National Association of the Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement.

These individuals and entities are experts or well educated on the subject matter, they are readily available and safe sources as they fully support independent, community-based police oversight.

When alders go to other individuals who have demonstrated they are not pro-independent community oversight of the police, like Madison's City Attorneys, including Andy Schauer (the former longtime police union attorney), they demonstrate that they are willing to undermine the oversight mechanism for personal or political gain.

The following nonsense excuses/political doublespeak/distractions are those we've heard come from the alders who support these and past harmful amendments. This dishonest behavior harms families like Richard Johnson's.

1.) I am a supporter and have done good things for the OIM/PCOB.

2.) I have gone to the board meetings since the beginning.

3.) I am just trying to protect the OIM/PCOB.

4.) I am trying to make sure the OIM/PCOB follow the rules.

5.) I am trying to streamline how the OIM/PCOB run to protect the OIM/PCOB.

6.) My name is on the amendment as a courtesy to former Alder MGR but I don't really have a position.

7.) I'm just trying to learn more.

8.) This will not harm the independence of the office.

9.) The office can't be independent anyway, because it gets paid by the city and has to follow city rules.

10.) I work on preventing police contact so no one can question my intentions with these amendments.

11.) I am good at systems and processes and this amendment helps with systems and processes.

12.) I don't like or am mad at _____ so I'm making the families who need a fully independent and functioning OIM/PCOB pay for it.

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We are once again urging these alders involved to stop making excuses, rescind the amendments and let the OIM and PCOB do their important work. Please join us.

Thank you,

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