From: Maribel Arce
To: All Alders
Subject: OIPM support
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 12:15:09 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing as a very concerned citizen and resident of Madison, Wisconsin (East Side).

I am both deeply saddened and outraged by the murder of Mr. Corey Ruiz at the hands of the MPD, and as a relatively new resident of our beloved Madison, have only recently become aware of the significant history and devastating trend of racialized/racist policing in Madison. This must be interrupted and course-corrected, both for the sake of our people and our police officers. We must restore trust in the MPD, especially with our Black and Brown neighbors and our young people.

Please REJECT the current and/or any ordinance amendment(s) that undermine the City of Madison OIPM.

Please SUPPORT retaining the current interim IPM, **Meeka Glass**, and make her the permanent IPM.

Please adequately FUND the OIPM. We must have full-time investigators, independent legal counsel, a case management system, and robust community outreach. Please REALLOCATE 1% (or more!) of the MPD's budget to the Office of Independent Police Monitoring. The MPD must be held accountable so that our community can heal and, together, set things right.

Thank you for your concerned attention to this urgent matter.

Please let our actions align with our stated shared values in Madison.

Sincerely,
Maribel Arce

From: Morgan Adams
To: All Alders
Subject: Police Civilian Oversight Board Funding
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 4:13:15 PM

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I am appalled and grief-stricken over MPD's execution of a Black man, Corey Ruiz, yesterday.

This is clear evidence that there is a problem with the Madison Police Department and that the Police Civilian Oversight Board is a necessity which requires full funding. You must do everything in your power to ensure that funding and power is given to this board.

It is our moral imperative to not allow an execution like this to happen again and civilian oversight of the police is the current means to answer that imperative.

In mourning,
Morgan Adams
Middleton, WI 53562

From: Marge Anderson
To: All Alders
Subject: Please do not vote for more city control of investigations of police
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 9:38:10 AM

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Please do not support and ordinances that diminish independence of investigations into police conduct. Thank you.

Marge Anderson
1910 Sheridan Drive, Madison

From: Jessica Armbruster
To: All Alders
Subject: DO NOT DELAY OIM MEETING from 8/4!!!!
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 2:52:20 PM

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After the police murdered Corey Ruiz yesterday, you CANNOT DELAY the OIM meeting from 8/4 to a later date! This community has dealt with too much pain, too many issues, too much fear and injustice and it is completely inhumane to delay this meeting.
This isn't the time to delay, it is the time to ADDRESS AND MAKE ACTUAL CHANGE for our community.
We are sick and tired of political bs and gaslighting, our community deserves better!
Do what you are there to do and actually Serve The People, take action to make things better, stop making excuses for hate and violence that is allowed to continue
I have been a resident of downtown Madison for almost 20 yrs until moving just outside last year. However, I work in Madison doing community mental health for adults and I have been terrified for years about the consequences of police intervention for our people. Once again, the result is deadly. How do you expect people to work, live and function when their needs are disregarded, they are treated as disposable and you continue to sit in your places of power doing absolutely nothing.
We will not rest. We will not stop. We will not give up on fighting for what is right, just, equitable and humane.
The OIM meeting needs to stay on 8/4!

Jessica Armbruster

From: Kiran Arora
To: All Alders
Subject: Police civilian oversight board requests
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:48:12 PM

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Good evening,
I am writing to urge you all to fully fund the police civilian oversight board and to stop with the ordinance amendments that are stripping their independence. Especially in light of the recent murder of Corey, a young black man. It is critical that we support organizations such as this one as our city is hurting.

Thank you,

Kiran Arora

From: Lisa Marie
To: All Alders; Figueroa Cole, Yannette; Madison, Sabrina; Lankella, Badri; Madison Mayor
Subject: TAKE ACTION NOW - your community (and country) is watching
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 7:19:03 PM

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ALDERS, WHAT WILL YOU DO TO REPAIR THE BROKEN TRUST YOUR CONSTITUENTS FEEL? What will you do to show a community in mourning and rage that you care about human life?

Dear Alders of Madison - do not skim over this email because it will echo so many other emails you need to look at. Just as each voter is an individual, each email is coming from an individual who makes up YOUR district and relies on YOU to speak for them. **Listen. Read. Then Act.**

I join so many others in the Madison community in outrage. I am writing to you to **insist that you allow the Police Civilian Oversight Board and Office of the Independent Police Monitor THE INDEPENDENCE and FREEDOM to investigate the current landscape of the Madison Police Department - AS SHE WAS APPOINTED TO DO.**

I am writing to insist that Alders Madison and Figueroa NOT DEFER THE ORDINANCE MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER.
KEEP THE MEETING FOR AUGUST 4TH so that those impacted and surrounding communities can know that someone (*that being the role of Office of the Independent Police Monitor)* can do her job and bring justice and truth to light.

The Madison Police Department MUST BE investigated. Procedures and the very foundation of how they allow people to enter the police force must be addressed.

The deaths of Tony Robinson, Richard Lee Johnson, and now Corey Ruiz COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED.

WHEN WILL THIS STOP?
In case you have forgotten, Interim Independent Police Monitor, Aeiramique Glass successfully investigated the death of Richard Lee Johnson and the outcome was tragic and atrocious. The outcome SHOULD have caused the MPD to halt and take action. It is clear the MPD did not. I am sharing the link for the June 15th press release of Richard Lee Johnson's murder to refresh any memories (posted on the city website):
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE RJ

Now we have Corey Ruiz. And we have viral videos circulating. Black people are being killed in this so-called progressive city.

TAKE ACTION.
GIVE THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT POLICE MONITOR ACCESS TO DO HER JOB.
Make Madison a city I can be proud to call home. It' been a while.

Make Madison a city that values humanity and its communities.
Prove us wrong. Show that our voices ARE HEARD. Not just the White voices. Not just the voices with power or money.

Prove to me, a White woman from Madison who works in the mental health field, that I don't live in a city that is now becoming known for killing Black and Brown people.

Take action. The time to do nothing is over. This isn't a problem for the Black community. This is a problem for YOUR community. EVERY COMMUNITY.
And this is why EVERY Alder should be speaking up on this.

Show us what you will do with your elected office. We are watching.

Lisa Marie Brodsky Auter
resident of Madison, WI since 2001

From: Olivia Barrow
To: All Alders
Subject: Stop attacking the Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:48:17 PM

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I'm a Madison resident and I'm outraged about the police execution that happened on Willy Street today. I support the Police Civilian Oversight Board and I ask you to fully fund it and stop trying to strip its independence with these useless amendments.

Olivia Barrow
Pronouns: She/Her/Hers
Cell: 919.599.6316
obarrow12@gmail.com
www.oliviabarrow.com
(Based in Central U.S. Time)

From: Jennifer Bastian
To: All Alders
Subject: In response to the murder of Corey Ruiz
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 2:00:55 PM

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Jennifer Bastian
414.748.8127
http://jenniferbastian.com
Thurber Park Artist-in-Residence 2024-2026
Pronouns: she/her/hers

From: noreply
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Corey Ruiz Memorial
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 7:41:21 AM

Recipient: All Alders:

Monday, July 27, 2026 – 7:41am

Nicholaus Blanton
He
2450 E. Mifflin St.
Madison, Wisconsin. 53704 No, do not contact me. All Alders Corey Ruiz Memorial Let our mayor know do not move the Corey Ruiz memorial until these stipulations are met:

1. Arrest, Fire, and Deny paid leave of absence of Officer Kiel Peterson for the execution of Corey Ruiz.

2. The immediate public release of all video footage and audio footage including but not limited to dash camera, street cameras, house cameras, area businesses, and key witnesses.

3. An independent investigation by the Office of the Independent Police Monitor - not just DCI - and MPD must give unfettered access to the Office of the Independent Monitor and release all evidence and information they gave to DCI to the Office of the Independent Monitor immediately as per Ordinance MGO 19.

4. Full transparency regarding Corey's execution, and the complete use-of-force timeline.

5. Protection of the Independent Police Monitor’s office and contract from political interference by agencies seeking to weaken police oversight.

6.The reopening of Richard Lee Johnson’s case for criminal review, consistent with the Independent Monitor’s findings.

7. Fire Officer Matt Kenny for the Murder of Tony Robinson and Remove him from the current and future trainings of MPD officers.

From: Pam Brandt
To: All Alders
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:42:10 PM

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In solidarity with those who have been traumatized by violence at the hands of police, I want the following:

Appoint Aeramique Glass as the permanent Independent Police Monitor.

Reject all ordinance amendments that weaken the independence or authority of the Office of the Independent Police Monitor (OIPM) or the Police Civilian Oversight Board (PCOB).

Vote on these issues on August 4. Do not postpone these decisions to September.

Fully fund the OIPM with the investigators, independent legal counsel, case management systems, and community outreach staff needed to provide meaningful civilian oversight.

I strongly believe Madison deserves transparent, independent oversight of its police department to protect ALL people in our city and support the officers who know and do better.

Sincerely,
Pam Brandt
District 15

From: Derek Braucht
To: All Alders
Subject: Common Council Requests
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 10:59:28 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing as a concerned resident to urge you to support strong, independent civilian oversight of our police department.

As a member of the Common Council, I respectfully ask that you:

- Appoint Aeramique Glass as the permanent Independent Police Monitor.
- Reject any ordinance amendments that would weaken the independence or authority of the Office of the Independent Police Monitor (OIPM) or the Police Civilian Oversight Board (PCOB).
- Vote on these important issues on August 4 and do not postpone these decisions until September.
- Fully fund the OIPM by providing the investigators, independent legal counsel, case management systems, and community outreach staff necessary to ensure meaningful and effective civilian oversight.

An independent and well-resourced oversight system is essential for transparency, accountability, and public trust. Our community deserves an oversight office that has both the authority and the resources to carry out its responsibilities effectively.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your consideration of these important requests. I appreciate your leadership and hope you will stand in support of strong, independent police oversight.

Sincerely,

Derek Braucht

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Derek Braucht

From: Katherine Charek Briggs
To: All Alders
Subject: Police oversight board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:48:14 PM

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Alders:

Please fully fund the police civilian oversight board and do not approve the amendments that constrain their independence and the independence of the monitor.

Katherine Briggs
2037 E Washington Ave.
Madison

From: Ashley Chavez
To: All Alders
Subject: IMPORTANT MATTER
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 2:00:26 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to you regarding the referred ordinance discussion.

We do not want this matter referred to September 22nd as there is no need for a delay. We want to keep the date of August 4th. Our community needs this ordinance discussion and we are standing firm in what we want. Our community needs an end so that we can begin to heal. It is extremely important that the date is kept for August 4th.

I sincerely hope you move forward with request. We vote you into these positions because we believe you'll do what's best and in this instance that is keeping this ordinance discussion date for our communities sake.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

In community,

Ashley Chavez

"It always seems impossible until it is done!"

From: Bethany Cooke
To: All Alders
Subject: Comments on upcoming common council meetings
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 6:17:27 PM

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Please note the following comments related to excessive use of force in the Madison Police Department, following the harrowing tragedy we saw on Wednesday July 22nd, 2026.

My intention is for these to be read at the related meeting on Sept 22nd, if this agenda item was removed from Aug 4. Thanks:

Our police have rainbows on their vehicles, representing their allyship with the LGBTQIA+ community. That's wonderful. Some cars have puzzle pieces, representing Autism Awareness. MPD, the city of Madison & Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway have the opportunity to set a precedent in this city.

You had this same chance in 2015 following the murder of Tony Robinson, at the hands of Officer Matthew Kenny whom remains serving on the MPD force to this day. It's not often folks are given second chances, and here is your's. Presented to you so perfectly with a bow tied on top.

Now, I did not know Corey Ruiz or Tony Robinson personally, nor did I know Paulie or Richard, who MPD also killed. I did not know Kevin Price, who Fitchburg PD murdered in 2024 responding to a wellness check of Kevin who was in a mental health crisis. I did not know Rashad, Aaron or Aajayah, whom Monona PD murdered in a high speed chase. None of these people were found guilty of a crime in the instances resulting in their deaths, but they all met their end at the hands of an entity we are told is meant to "protect & serve us all."

The reality of policing is this: Black people are incarcerated at higher rates than their white counterparts, for the same crimes, with harsher sentences or fines. The cash bail system is a scam meant to keep poor people jailed and those who follow the status quo in line. I'm saying we are done with the status quo—we are sick of watching police kill our neighbors. I'm angry Corey Ruiz's little girl has to dodge video footage of her father's execution on social media. I'm absolutely pissed that you keep stealing loved people based off of your anxiety and inability to self regulate.

As a social worker, do better. Not only for my friends, family & neighbors but for the future generations. They already do not have trust in these systems, and you continue to reinforce their distrust.

We the people demand the continued funding and support of the Civilian Police Oversight Board, diverting funds from armed militants such as police to essential social services directly working to solve our homeless/poverty crisis in this city.

Multiple systems failed Corey & many of you sitting up there have never known the struggle of not having a roof over your head, a dollar to your name, a pot to piss in, nor the knowledge of when your next meal will come.

Madison WI is the worst place for Black Americans to live, yet we are a safe haven for trans folks. THEY DO NOT HAVE TO BE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE! Show us you value every single one of your citizens and not just the ones that look and talk like you.

Do better, Madison.

Thank you.

Bethany Cooke

From: Crystal
To: All Alders
Subject: URGENT: Increase funding and jurisdiction of the Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 7:56:59 AM

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Hello,

Have you considered that now, more than ever, is the time to increase community oversight over the MPD? Whoever shot Corey Ruiz today should not only be fired, but banned from ever being a part of a police force ever again and facing criminal charges in court. But our tiny oversight board here in Madison doesn't have the power to fire individual police officers for their actions. How are they supposed to hold the MPD accountable when something like this happens?

You have to think about this from a safety perspective. If the MPD keeps white people safe in Madison, the PCOB keeps everyone safe. What does that say when they get less than 1% of the funding that MPD gets? In a nation that allows a cop to pull a firearm on a restrained, unarmed man, don't you think police oversight should be getting some more attention?

The community members that are going to be the most active with this board are naturally already those who are most affected by police violence and bias. That's why you simply can't make PCOB into a checkbox that says you've fulfilled some kind of "community oversight" requirement. People will find out. It will not be pretty when they realize that their safety has been taken as some trivial matter. If the city of Madison actually cares about the safety of every resident, this has to change now.

The ask is simple: follow Freedom Inc's recommendation to increase PCOB funding to 5% of the MPD. That's measly compared to what the MPOD has, but this matters right now. And **increase the jurisdiction of the PCOB to allow them the power of hiring/firing individual officers, creating new policies over the MPD, and making the board fully independent from the city.** That's how you empower the community to make meaningful improvements in matters of their own safety.

Respectfully,
Crystal

From: Katelyn Danielson
To: All Alders
Subject: Fully Fund the Police Oversight Board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 5:48:05 PM

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Dear Alderpersons,

I am writing to urge you to fully fund Madison's civilian police oversight board.

The recent fatal police shooting over an alleged bicycle theft has deeply shaken my confidence in the Madison Police Department. I believe it is unacceptable that a situation involving suspected property crime ended with the loss of a person's life. To me, this raises serious questions about proportionality, decision-making, and accountability.

An independent, adequately funded civilian oversight board is essential. If the public had confidence that the police department consistently held its officers accountable and prioritized practices that made all members of our community feel safe and protected, there would not be such a strong demand for independent oversight. Unfortunately, that confidence has been eroded for many residents.

Police officers encounter complex situations every day, but there are countless tools beyond the use of deadly force. Investment in crisis intervention, de-escalation, mental health response, community-based services, and other evidence-based approaches can help resolve difficult situations without ending a person's life. Deadly force should be an absolute last resort and not a response to suspected property crime.

I do not believe it is a radical position to expect that the Madison Police Department should do everything possible to avoid killing people and reserve lethal force only for situations where there is truly no other option. That expectation is fundamental to public trust.

I ask that you support and fully fund the civilian oversight board so it has the independence, staffing, and resources necessary to provide meaningful oversight. Madison deserves a system that builds public confidence through transparency, accountability, and a commitment to preserving human life whenever possible.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our community.

Sincerely,

Katie Danielson, MSW

From: Jodi Darst
To: All Alders
Subject: Proposed amendments to OIM/PCOB
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 3:33:22 PM

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To the Common Council,

I am a new Madison resident becoming aware of the proposed amendments to lessen the effectiveness of the OIM/PCOB coming for vote August 4th.

It is unconscionable for the Common Council to attempt to delay this vote out of fear of the city's anger in the wake of another killing by Madison police.

The vote must be held as planned. Delaying the vote is a tactic of fear and control and is unacceptable in our city. Let the people speak.

Thank you
Jodi Darst
2 Knutson Dr
Madison

From: Tashayanna Derke
To: All Alders
Subject: Justice for Corey
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 11:18:33 AM

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August 4th. We will be there.
September 22. We will be there.

With community love always.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Esty Dinur
To: All Alders; Mayor
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 10:17:35 PM

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Please respond favorably to Alder Carmella Glen's demands:
emergency funding and full-time investigative staff so Monitor Glass can conduct the independent investigation this killing demands without being stretched beyond what a $400,000 budget can hold
• A case management system and case manager so every complaint, every investigation, every finding is tracked, documented, and publicly accessible
• Legal support independent from the city attorney so the office can investigate without the conflict of shared counsel with the department it is reviewing
• Community outreach capacity so every resident in this city who has something to report knows how to reach the OIPM and believes it will do something with what they share
Do not postpone the vote on the Office of Independent Monitor decision. Do not refer to Sept 22, let the decision be made on August 4th.

Esty Dinur
...for, truly, I am not a website and my name is not Etsy.

From: Esty Dinur
To: All Alders
Subject: Recommendation 109.
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 10:11:35 PM

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We know about Recommendation 109. We know it was adopted in 2019. We know it was not implemented. We are holding this Council accountable for that failure and we will be there on August 4th and September 22nd to demand that the office capable of keeping us informed, finally gets what it needs to do that job.

Esty Dinur
...for, truly, I am not a website and my name is not Etsy.

From: Annik DuPaty
To: All Alders
Subject: Fully Fund Police Oversight and Corey's Life Mattered
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:52:51 PM

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Dear Alders,

Another injustice has occurred today. A man named Corey Durrell Ruiz's life was taken by police. He was not given his rights to a fair trial. This situation should have been resolved without lethal force. I am asking you to ensure:

- Full funding of the police oversight group.

-The immediate public release of all dash-camera footage from today's shooting

-An independent investigation by the Office of the Independent Police Monitor, not an internal MPD review

-Full transparency regarding this man's identity, the circumstances of his mental health crisis, and the complete use-of-force timeline

-Protection of the Independent Police Monitor's office and contract from political interference by agencies seeking to weaken police oversight

-The reopening of Richard Lee Johnson's case for criminal review, consistent with the Independent Monitor's finding

In peace,

Annik
Annik Dupaty

From: GARY FEEST
To: All Alders
Subject: Police oversight
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 8:23:31 PM

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Dear citizen representatives,

After the death of Corey Ruiz, I think it's more important than ever to have community oversight of the actions of the police. I can not imagine why some
alders are trying to shut down The Office of the Independent Monitor and the Police Civilian Oversight Board. I was unaware of the opposition to police body cameras, and I believe they are needed more than ever. I also think the police should have nets to control belligerent suspects if close, hand to hand restraints are going to end in the death of the suspect. The officer responsible should be removed from the police force, at the very least. I demand that The Office of the Independent Monitor and the Police Civilian Oversight Board be allowed to do their important work, keeping us safe from rogue, trigger-happy officers. I believe that many, and perhaps most, of the members of the police force are reasonable people with a very stressful, dangerous job, but those who are not should be removed asap.

Thanks for your consideration,
Gary J. Feest
gfeest@sbcglobal.net

From: Katherine Freedlund
To: Vidaver, Regina; All Alders
Subject: August 4th
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 9:21:49 PM

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Hello,

My name is Katherine Freedlund, and I am a resident of District 5 in the City of Madison. I am writing to urge the City of Madison to keep the Common Council meeting scheduled for August 4, 2026, at 6:30pm. This meeting should not be suspended. Our community deserves the opportunity to move forward and address the pivotal amendments to the ordinance governing the Police Civilian Oversight Board and the Office of the Independent Monitor.

While I appreciate the need to acknowledge recent events and ensure public safety, postponing this meeting only delays meaningful progress on issues that directly impact transparency, accountability, and public trust. These discussions are too important to put on hold. Now, more than ever, the City should demonstrate its commitment to accountability by allowing this meeting to proceed as scheduled. Residents deserve the opportunity to be heard, and the Common Council has a responsibility to continue the work of strengthening civilian oversight rather than delaying it.

I respectfully urge you to keep the August 4th meeting on the calendar and allow the community to participate in this important process.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Katherine Freedlund (715)697-8896
District 5 Resident

From: Denise Garvin
To: All Alders
Subject: (No Subject)
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 4:37:12 PM

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Alders,

It's time to start behaving civilly to all members of society - not just to white folks (I am one). We know about Recommendation 109. We know it was adopted in 2019. We know it was not implemented. We are holding this Council accountable for that failure and we will be there on August 4th and September 22nd to demand that the office, keeping us informed, finally gets what it needs to do that job.

We are watching you and will hold you accountable in the next election.

I look forward to your civil behavior to all,
Denise Garvin

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From: gil halsted
To: All Alders
Subject: Don"t refer the OIPM vote
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 3:12:30 PM

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Please don’t postpone the vote on the Legistar 92386. Decisions on how to enhance or or restrict the funding ad power of the OIPM and the POCB needs to be made on August 4th. Kicking the can down the road should not be an option.

Gil Halsted
138 Talmadge St.
53704.

I want city police to be held accountable for their actions.
Praised when they protect an support us and punished when they Abus there authority.

Thanks

From: Eileen Harrington
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: PCOB amendments
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 8:39:00 AM

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Dear Alders,

This is neither the time nor the manner with which to consider changes to the ordinance that created the PCOB and OIM.

The PCOB and OIM did not have an effective first few years. By its own description, the current membership of the PCOB has formed a better functioning Board. The interim IM appears to be performing the job in a far better manner than the initial IM. So although this entity has operated for several years, it is in its current iteration a fairly new body.

The Common Council created this entity and it should exercise oversight and review, but not now and not like this.

I suggest that the Council set a date - let's say July 2028 - and design and publicize a process and criteria that it will use to review the ordinance and function of the PCOB and OIM.

I chaired the City of Madison's Task Force on Government Structure. Although it was created by the Common Council, and spent two years doing the work the Council directed it to do, the Council largely ignored the report we submitted. One common theme we heard when reviewing the structure of Madison's government is that the Council provides little oversight and requires little in the way of accountability for the more than 100 boards, commissions and committees that are part of our city's government. Arguably the PCOB is one of our city's most significant boards. Any modifications to its enabling ordinance should be considered within a framework providing considerable advance notice with stated review criteria. This should not be done in the haphazard manner that has unfolded to date. In the wake of yesterday's gut wrenching, heart breaking killing of a resident by an MPD officer, I strongly urge the Council to take these amendments off of its agenda and not revisit them.

Thank you for considering my views.

Eileen Harrington
4209 Veith Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

From: Samantha Harrington
To: Mayer, Davy
Cc: All Alders; council
Subject: Demands from a constituent in light of the murder of Corey Ruiz
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 1:40:06 PM

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Dear Alder Mayer,

In the last year, especially since the closing of Dairy Drive, police presence in my neighborhood near Breese Steven's Field has grown constant. There are often police parked outside of my house doing nothing. I have encountered police in busy BRT stations, near the bathrooms at McPike Park, and inside Festival and Cargo Coffee Shop. All they seem to be doing is harassing unhoused people — often 3-5 officers standing over one seated person. It has always made me nervous to have so many powerful people wandering my neighborhood with guns that they could pull out at any moment.

Yesterday's murder of Corey Ruiz, as well as the murder of Tony Robinson, Richard Lee Johnson, and too many others by Madison Police, shows how founded that fear was.

As my representative on the common council, I ask that you push for the city to adopt these policies:

1. A fully empowered Independent Police Monitor.
2. No more budget increases for MPD. Funding redirected from police to organizations like Urban Triage, Madison Street Medicine, the Beacon, the Dane County Homeless Justice Initiative, and others that provide homelessness services.
3. A significant reduction in how many officers can carry guns and where those officers are permitted to carry guns.

Thank you,
Samantha

From: Mimi Hasan
To: All Alders
Subject: Opposing the PCOB/OIM amendments
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 5:23:50 PM

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I'm writing to register my opposition to the amendments to the city ordinance concerning the PCOB/OIM that were originally going to be decided on at the August 4 meeting.

I also oppose deferring these decisions until September 22.

Thanks,

Miriam Hasan
2722 Sommers Ave
Madison WI 53704

From: Miranda K Hassett
To: All Alders
Subject: Please continue serious good-faith response to the community after Corey Ruiz" murder!
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 8:04:48 AM

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The pullback on the amendments that would limit the OIPM's independence is a good step, but the community needs to see ongoing, concrete, substantive, good-faith engagement with the systemic failures that led to Corey Ruiz's death. Tony Robinson's dealth remains an unhealed wound, and we need to put things in place to truly reduce the risk of similar incidents in the future.
It seems like a really bad idea for the police officer who killed Ruiz to remain on Madison's police force, regardless of what any investigation may conclude.
I'm sure these are demanding days. Please keep your focus on a better future for all Madisonians.
Miranda Hassett
Greentree neighborhood

From: Anonymous Healer
To: All Alders
Subject: Funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 9:04:14 AM

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Emergency funding for the OIPM is not a budget debate. It is a response to a crisis in Madison that is being observed nationally. Please support funding for this critical need; currently the Office has one part-time data analyst. The community wants real equity and we can't wait until 2027. The police department has to be accountable to the community it serves.

Here is what that funding must cover:

• Full-time investigative staff so Monitor Glass can conduct the independent investigation this killing demands without being stretched beyond what a $400,000 budget can hold
• A case management system and case manager so every complaint, every investigation, every finding is tracked, documented, and publicly accessible
• Legal support independent from the city attorney so the office can investigate without the conflict of shared counsel with the department it is reviewing
• Community outreach capacity so every resident in this city who has something to report knows how to reach the OIPM and believes it will do something with what they share.
Thank you so much for your immediate attention to this matter.

When I rise up / let me rise up joyful / like a bird / When I fall // let me fall without regret / like a leaf

- Wendell Berry

From: noreply
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Corey Ruiz/Body Cams/File #92386
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 10:23:14 AM

Recipient: All Alders:

Thursday, July 23, 2026 – 10:23am

Jacob Hicks
he/him
38 N Breese Terrace
Apt #3
Madison, Wisconsin. 53726 Yes, by email. jmhicks4@wisc.edu All Alders Corey Ruiz/Body Cams/File #92386 I saw the video of Corey Ruiz being extrajudicially killed in broad daylight. I am aware of his record and I am aware he brandishes a knife after evading arrest. I see no evidence in the video which supports he stabs an officer. One cop notices the knife, shouts it out, and Corey Ruiz is taken to the ground and shot in the head. No stabbing motion is made. One, this shows how we need more crime prevention and social work on site in matters like this. Second, the cop who killed Corey Ruiz must never be allowed to work a day in his life for MPD. I have known cops my whole life, and like every profession, some are noble and some are assholes. I don't know anything about this man. What I do know is that becoming a cop entails a level of mental acuity that when shit gets scary, they remain level-headed. It is clear to me that this cop did the exact opposite. I am seething. I understand he felt scared and rightfully so. I understand the MPD chief is reporting he got stabbed (though clearly he seemed fine enough to continue job). Corey Ruiz was already on the ground, grappling with two officers while two others stood above him. First of all, why don't you kick him? Second of all, if you are going to shoot, shoot to wound not shoot to fucking kill! I am sick of disproportionate force being used and it is clear that this officer works in Madison because he doesn't want to work in a place where lots of actual violent crime occurs. If someone has a knife and you shoot them in the fucking head, you shouldn't be a cop. If you can't handle the heat, get the fuck out of the kitchen. I have no problems with cops, I have problems with people who aren't qualified to be them but are anyways. I digress, no matter your view on the matter, why are there not any body cameras?!? Why are they not required by the city and provided for in the budget? Have the last 100 years of policing taught us nothing? This is just common-sense public policy. It allows the truth to thrive, provides for accountability on all sides, and saves time and resources when incidents do arise. THIS MUST CHANGE IN THE NEXT CITY BUDGET OR A LAW MUST BE PASSED TO FORCE THAT CHANGE ONTO THE MPD BUDGET. Finally, revoke File #92386. Not allowing unfettered access to MPD data for an independent oversight board is just asinine. You are wanting to claim a position of morality by having the body exist, but then you hamstring it from doing the work which would make it a force of the common good. Corey Ruiz had problems and was far from a model citizen, but he didn't deserve to fucking die and his actions did not warrant that either. Thank you for your time, I am a public policy student and am grateful for the work you all do. But I am fucking pissed that something like this is happening in a city like Madison!

From: Tina Hogle
To: All Alders
Subject: August 4 vote
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 4:53:38 PM

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Dear Alders,
I am a Madison resident writing about the proposed changes to MGO 5.19 and 5.20.

I urge you to vote **NO** on any changes that reduce the OIPM's operational independence. The OIPM's independence is what makes its findings on racial disparities in policing credible and actionable. As someone who was a volunteer tutor in the jail for more than four years, I have seen the racial disparity in the jail. The jail is a breeding ground for racism within the Sheriff's Department simply because of the culture and structures we have in place that over-police black people in Madison. I am ashamed of the disparity, especially because we think of ourselves as a progressive city.

I will be watching how you vote August 4, hoping that you will do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Ann Tina Hogle
2 Round Hill Cir.
Madison, WI 53717

From: Willy Ogden
To: Mayor
Cc: All Alders
Subject: Funding
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 1:55:27 PM

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Hi Mayor

The Office of the Independent Police Monitor the only office in Wisconsin whose job is to independently investigate what MPD does is operating on $400,000 a year.

MPD's budget is $90 million. The OIPM's is $400,000. That is less than half of one percent of what MPD receives.

MPD has 492 sworn officers and 92 professional staff — 584 people. The OIPM has one part-time data analyst.

584 to 1. That is the staffing ratio between the department and the office meant to hold it accountable.

It has one part-time data analyst. No full-time investigators. No case management system, No case manger for the volume of work this moment demands.

A Black man was killed by an MPD officer on a public street. No body cameras. Witnesses with cell phones. A community demanding answers.

Monitor Glass has the authority to open an independent investigation. She has the experience she ran one of the highest-volume police accountability offices in Maryland. She has the will.

What she does not have is the resources this moment requires!!!

In June, the OIPM submitted a budget request for the 2027 cycle approximately $900,000 to add staff and build the case management infrastructure this office needs to function at the level our community deserves.

That request has not been approved.

I am calling to authorize emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor immediately. Not in the next budget cycle. Now.

Here is what that funding must cover:

• Full-time investigative staff so Monitor Glass can conduct the independent

investigation this killing demands without being stretched beyond what a $400,000 budget can hold
• A case management system and case manager so every complaint, every investigation, every finding is tracked, documented, and publicly accessible
• Legal support independent from the city attorney so the office can investigate without the conflict of shared counsel with the department it is reviewing
• Community outreach capacity so every resident in this city who has something to report knows how to reach the OIPM and believes it will do something with what they share

The answer to all of those questions runs through one office and that office needs more than $400,000 to be what this moment demands.

We need the Mayor and council to act like a man's life and this community's faith in its institutions depends on it, because it does.

Show the people that this means something. Approving emergency funding the requested increase to next years budget sends a message that we want answers and justice.

Willy Holden

From: michael hopwood
To: All Alders
Cc: Mayor
Subject: URGENT: District 16 Resident Outrage Over Willy St. Police Shooting / Demand for Systemic Accountability
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 10:30:59 PM

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Dear Members of the Madison Common Council,

My name is Michael Hopwood, and I am a District 16 resident living at 541 Aztalan Drive. I am writing to the entire Common Council today in a state of profound grief and outrage regarding the fatal shooting of a community member by a Madison Police officer this afternoon on Willy Street.

The graphic footage circulating on social media of this struggle and subsequent killing is horrifying. For Black and brown communities in Madison, this is not an isolated incident; it is a painful, repeating reminder of a systemic failure in how our city approaches public safety, de-escalation, and policing in marginalized communities. The use of lethal force in our streets must not be normalized, and we cannot continue to accept the status quo.

As representatives elected to serve and protect all residents of Madison, I am calling on each of you to use your legislative platform on the Common Council to take immediate, unified action:

- **Demand a Full, Transparent Investigation:** Push for a completely independent investigation into the tactics used during this attempted arrest, including why lethal force was used when the victim had already been tasered.

- **Enforce Strict Disciplinary Terminations:** Demand that if the independent investigation proves a violation of de-escalation protocols, the city immediately fires the officers involved and strips them of their pensions, rather than allowing standard administrative leave.

- **Support Formal Legal Prosecutions:** Urge the Common Council to publicly pressure the Dane County District Attorney to file formal criminal charges against the primary officer involved to ensure standard legal consequences.

- **Establish Financial Penalties for Misconduct:** Advocate for city policy that forces police misconduct settlements to be paid directly out of the Madison Police Department's operating budget or police pension funds, rather than the city's general taxpayer fund.

- **Empower Civilian Oversight Board Teeth:** Push for legislative changes to give the Madison Police Civilian Oversight Board direct, binding authority to discipline and fire officers, bypassing internal department protections.

- **Re-evaluate Police Funding and Resources:** Champion a shifting of city resources away from hyper-policing and toward comprehensive mental health response teams, social services, and community-led safety initiatives that prevent these fatal encounters from happening in the first place.

Our community is hurting, angry, and demanding answers. I urge you to stand with your constituents, speak out against police violence, and fight for a Madison that truly protects and values Black lives.

I look forward to hearing a public response from the Council and learning what concrete legislative steps you will take to address this tragedy.

Sincerely,

Michael Hopwood
541 Aztalan Dr, Madison, WI 53718
crossingwood@gmail.com

From: Sarah Hughes
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Current situation
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 1:10:51 PM

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Dear Mayor Satya and Alders,

I am incredibly disappointed to see the lack of leadership shown by our city's elected officials during such challenging times. A Madison resident being killed by a police officer in broad daylight on a city street is tragic no matter the circumstances. These situations call for strong, compassionate leadership, which I have not seen from any elected official besides the police chief. Your lack of leadership has now led to the situation that is rapidly eroding on Willy St. Now, instead of the focus being on the loss of life and implementing changes that will help our community move forward, our city is more divided than ever and the narrative has changed.

Please, on behalf of myself as a Madison resident, and my family, neighbors, and community, do something. Remove the encampment that has taken over the Willy St neighborhood. Return the focus to productive conversations that move toward changes and protecting places of grief and healing.

Before any more funding is directed towards the OIPM, better structure needs to be in place. After the horrible AI-riddled report released earlier this year (why was she allowed to keep her job after that??), to now seeing photos of the interim Independent Police Monitor holding a sign calling for more murder at a press conference and leading protests throughout the city- how can she do her job impartially and with any modicum of trust? What once had the possibility to enact real positive change has now devolved into something I don't trust at all and want to see no additional funding go towards until there are better systems in place.

It feels like we are teetering on the edge of something even worse if the city does not step in and make some changes. Please, we all need you to do your jobs.

Thank you,

Sarah Hughes
703 Glenway St.

From: ehyndiuk@protonmail.com
To: All Alders
Subject: Agenda item 8.4
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 9:36:51 AM

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How can we increase civilian oversight over police conduct

How can we implement stricter policies around the responsibilities of the police department, including timeline to release footage after an incident occurs and ensuring accountability for misconduct

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From: trappedinink@pm.me
To: Figueroa Cole, Yannette; Madison, Sabrina; Ochowicz, William; Field, Derek
Cc: All Alders
Subject: PCOB and OIM Amendments
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 2:43:41 PM

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I've emailed y'all about this before. Drop the amendments that remove PCOB independence. And don't move the vote date from Aug 4 to Sep 22.

From: Barbie Jackson
To: Lankella, Badri; All Alders
Cc: Barbie Jackson
Subject: 2026-08-04 Barbie Jackson Testimony to Common Council
Date: Thursday, July 30, 2026 6:45:04 PM

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Dear Alder Lankella (c: All Alders):

Below is my intended testimony at the August 4 Common Council meeting. Here is a document link for the Legistar record.

Thank you for your support of the OIPM and PCOB.

Sincerely,
Barbie Jackson
6441 Dylyn Drive
Madison, WI 53719
608-234-8118

Good evening President Madison and Common Council Members. Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight.

I am deeply grieving the killing of Corey Ruiz by a Madison Police Officer. Our entire community is grieving, outraged, and demands transparency, accountability, and consequences for this tragic killing.

My name is Barbie Jackson. I am a 59-year resident of Madison. My personal story may be unusual to hear, but it explains why I am so committed to my advocacy work.

As a young student I arrived at UW in September 1967. Within a month of my arrival, the campus and city were in chaos following Madison police tear gassing and brutality against protesters trying to block recruitment by Dow Chemical, the manufacturer of Agent Orange, which was devastating the people of Viet Nam and the US soldiers drafted and sent to war. The impact of this time period, documented as The War at Home (see this 2-minute clip), left an indelible mark on my

understanding of power imbalance and on my life personally.

Today I reflect on a transformed life dedicated to the well-being of others and advocacy for a just society. I raised two children in need of protective services and then received a call to volunteer with teens first at the Allied Dunns Marsh Neighborhood center and then at the Boys and Girls Club. This led me to a 30-year relationship with low-income, primarily African American children, youth and young adults, which gave me a deep appreciation for their life challenges and the harms many of them have suffered.

In the summer of 2016 after learning once again about a Black man who was shot by a police officer, I resolved to shift from direct service to advocacy for criminal legal system reform. I learned about organizing and I learned how to focus.

Today another Black man has been killed by a police officer on Madison streets. There must be accountability for this tragedy.

The Office of the Independent Police Monitor and the Police Civilian Oversight Board are a critical component of the change that must occur in Madison.

I am thankful, President Madison, for your July 27th Statement to the Common Council, which effectively removes all existing proposals to amend the ordinances that established the OIPM and the PCOB. I am thankful for your public commitment to Chair Pearson to pursue restorative justice to “begin a meaningful process of rebuilding trust, improving communication and collaboration, and creating a stronger foundation for the important work of police oversight.”

I call on the full Common Council to respect this first step toward assurance that there will be no future efforts to interfere with the independence and authority of the OIPM and the PCOB.

In the wake of the tragic killing of Corey Ruiz, there are many calls to fund body-worn cameras for MPD. I call on you to assure that any such

efforts leave the OIPM and PCOB budget intact, including its intended request for an increase to 1% of the MPD budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak and for your consideration.

From: Mats Johansson
To: All Alders
Subject: Corey Ruiz
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 9:26:28 PM

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Hello all,

In the context of the shooting of Corey Ruiz, we have read and know about your Recommendation No. 109, and we know that it was not implemented.

As citizens, we are holding the City Council accountable for this failure. Citizens will be present on Aug. 4 and Sept. 22 to ask that the relevant office, in this case presumably the Office of the Independent Police Monitor (OIPM), gets the resources to do that job.

Thank you,
Mats Johansson
4926 Odana Rd
Madison, WI 53711

From: Sunshine Jones
To: Figueroa Cole, Yannette; Madison, Sabrina; Ochowicz, William; Field, Derek; All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Request for Emergency Funding NOW for Office of the Independent Police Monitor
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 1:55:51 PM

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Sunshine Jones

4333 Crawford Drive

Madison, Wisconsin 53711

To : Mayor Rhodes-Conway, Council President Sabrina Madison, my alder Yannette Figueroa Cole, and our city-wide alders.

The Criminal Justice System with its extreme racism, indeed murder of People of Color, and structural racial disparities with its Self-Protection/Cover Ups running through its entire system has failed our community. We must work together in our community to build a trustworthy foundation for public safety. Our city is traumatized by the execution of Corey Ruiz.

I am requesting that you give emergency funding to the Office of the Independent Monitor and Police Civilian Oversight Board NOW.

Also, I am requesting that you give full support without exceptions or amendments for the independence of the only independent community -nominated police oversight agency we have, The Office of the Independent Monitor and Police Civilian Oversight Board. I ask that you immediately drop the amendments in file 92386.

Again, we have lost trust in our community's law enforcement body. They have historically violated our trust and most recently with the killing of Richard Johnson and now Corey Ruiz has been executed, three shots to his head. This is an emergency and it is about saving lives.

I request that you ensure that the OIPM has a right of access to MPD databases without restrictions to MPD records. Second, the OIM/PCOB must have the right to use an independent attorney and must not have its hands tied to APMS policies that undermine its function and independence. Moreover, no politicians should be on the board, undermining their independence.

At a time when Law Enforcement has violated trust, we need you to be our trustworthy leaders.

Thank you,

Sunshine Jones

From: Maddy Kaye
To: All Alders
Subject: Police civilian oversight board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:48:11 PM

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FULLY FUND THE POLICE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BOARD, STOP STRIPING RIGHTS

From: Megan Kennedy
To: All Alders
Subject: OIPM
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 8:49:10 AM

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I am a Madison resident writing to urge you NOT to postpone the vote on the OIPM. The community is hurting and cannot wait.

Megan Kennedy

From: Sharon Kilfoy
To: All Alders
Subject: OIM
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 1:54:52 PM

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Dear Alders,

Please do not let Alderperson Figueroa postpone the OIM process. It is needed more NOW than ever – ASAP.

Also, please do not let your colleagues water down ordinances that can make a significant difference in the health and well-being of this community.

Thanks

Sharon Kilfoy
Director
Williamson St Art Center
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From: Rachel Kincade
To: All Alders
Subject: OIPM-Please read all the way through
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 3:48:25 PM

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Dear President Madison and all Alders,

My Name is Rachel Kincade. I spent the first four years on the Police Civilian Oversight Board (PCOB). I spent the last year on the Executive Committee and was involved in the hiring process during the second go around. Let me introduce myself and past relevant information. I started and ran a non-profit and operated for 17 years working with young people who were street involved and without a home. I was responsible for hiring, supervising, and sometimes having to let staff people go. At the end of my tenure, I had 23 full-time staff and several part-time staff and interns. Having said that, I can say the hiring process we were given was flawed and was run by the City's HR and City Attorney Haas.

After the first round, then Alder Knox was on the Board and was causing havoc when he showed up. He wanted to downsize the qualifications for the next round. He suggested they only have a high school diploma; anything so the PCOB could hire someone as there was extreme pressure the city put on us to hire. The PCOB had to form a new group and understand our roles. The City HR had given us questions, how they wanted us to interview and the scoring system. We tried to understand the questions the City HR provided and the interviewees were also confused and talked about things other than what the question was trying to ask. Scoring was difficult based on the answers they were supposed to speak to. But four of us did as we were told. Our first choice turned the position down. Under EXTREME pressure to hire, we chose candidate number two, Robert Copely.

The President of the PCOB directly supervised him and brought back a laundry list of his inability to do the job and had given him every chance to come into compliance with his job description and brought this information to the EC (which I was on then). We were ready to let him go.

Then, he went into the hospital for three months and came back Robin Copley. We were advised not to fire by attorney Haas because she could have a law suit against the city. So, instead of doing what was best for the OIPM which was to let her go and find someone more competent, we kept her on because of the city attorney Haas. All of the problems related to her work caused an uproar and funding to be slashed. All of the problems you may have with her work or lack of work can be blamed on bad interview

questions (city HR) and city attorney Haas for making us keep her while knowing she could not do the job. This is how the city controlled the PCOB and OIM and even had a disruptive alder on the board. This has been city controlled and the city's involvement is what I blame for all these mishaps. This clearly shows the conflict of interest when the City is involved.

Now, the PCOB is fully formed and competent received required trainings, etc. The Interim IPM is doing exactly what we wanted and could not find until now; she is working for the community. Let's keep community at the center of It all. There are many reasons to stick with the original (unless there is an amendment strengthening their independence.)

The first one is transparency. As a community member, I have craved the truth and believe each community member deserves it. Secondly, the community needs to have a trusting relationship with the police. These are only a couple of things that will happen with keeping the OIPM – Independent!

To: President Madison: Your non-support of keeping the original ordinance is glaring and unacceptable. MANY of us see how you are not standing up for community. My mother used to say you can't make sense out of nonsense. So, I will leave it at that. We are watching you.

One last, but very important thing**: DO NOT PUT THIS VOTE OFF FOR ANOTHER DAY! AUGUST 4th – Nothing else is acceptable!** I will be one of many protesting your plan to not address this on August 4th. I will stand on the side of the people. I will use my National, State, and City news contacts.

In Truth, Rachel Kincade

From: kristinklossner
To: All Alders
Subject: Response to deadly shooting 7/22/26
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 7:33:56 PM

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Accountability for Police Involved Shooting

To My Elected Officials~
As a community member, as a local business owner, as a human being, I ask for justice for the police involved shooting in my neighborhood yesterday. My tax dollars shouldn't pay for state violence. I shouldn't fear the police that my tax dollars pay to protect our streets, not murder in our streets.

I would like to know the steps you will be taking to educate the police force on de-escalation techniques & non-lethal force. I would like to know the steps you're taking to re-educate racial bias. What outside agencies are you employing to investigate this tragedy?

I want to elevate the voices of my community members at Freedom Inc:

"Madison Police Department has blood on their hands! We will not turn a blind eye to what happened to Corey Ruiz, Tony Robinson, and all the loved ones we lost due to police violence. ALL EYES will continue to be on MPD.

We demand:
1) the arrest of the murderous cop
2) defund the police
3) strengthen the Police Civilian Oversight Board
4) COMMUNITY CONTROL OVER POLICE

Our community is hurting. We are mourning and we will hold the necessary space for the community to do so. And as we mourn, we will keep each other safe, we will organize, we will fight, and we will win!"

Sincerely,
Kristin Klossner

Sent from my Galaxy

From: Tammi Kral
To: All Alders
Subject: Demand independent investigation of police shooting
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 2:48:35 PM

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The independent civilian police monitor that was established with corresponding local ordinances must be allowed and supported to do its job.

We need an investigation into MPD's own stated policy regarding de-escalation:

"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."

Most reasonable people who have considered the video evidence and testimony of witnesses and police officers on the scene could conclude that these policies were not followed.

It doesn't even seem there was a justifiable reason to pursue this person who fled on bicycle! Evidence indicates that he was known to police and could be found in the community, and there was no real, imminent threat nor crime to justify the initial pursuit, much less to push/hit someone off a bicycle and into traffic.

This is horrifying and obscene. The officers escalated and created a dangerous situation.

Further, the use of deadly force was clearly not justified when the perpetrator was being tazed and held down by multiple officers. The knife, whether it was wielded or simply found and tossed away (as it's hard to say from current evidence if the officers were cut in the process of physically apprehending someone with a knife in their pants), did not pose a threat at the time the shots were fired - it was on the ground.

It seems apparent from available evidence that the officer reacted in rage to being cut (if that's what happened), and took someone's life as if it was his RIGHT to be judge, jury and executioner.

1. MPD did not follow THEIR OWN POLICY at multiple points leading up to the shooting.

2. There was no imminent threat when the MPD pursued and physically assaulted the suspected perp.

3. There was no imminent threat to officers by a person who was brought to his knees by a taser, kicked and held down by officers, and a knife that was out of his possession at the time shots were fired.

The officer who fired shots must be held accountable, fired without pay, and prosecuted. The MPD needs to be reined in and forced to follow its own policies. Otherwise, how can any citizen feel safe or able to rely on our police for support and protection? You cross a cop, and they can execute you.

From: lakocha@icloud.com
To: All Alders
Subject: fully fund the civilian police oversight committee
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 4:29:09 PM

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I am writing to you as a resident of our community to urge you to fully fund the Office of the Independent Police Monitor (OIPM) and support the integrity and operational capacity of the Police Civilian Oversight Board (PCOB).

Thanks,

Lauren

From: noreply
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Corey Ruiz
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 10:59:06 PM

Recipient: All Alders:

Sunday, July 26, 2026 – 10:58pm

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Blanton
2450 East Mifflin Street
Madison, Wisconsin. 53704 No, do not contact me. All Alders Corey Ruiz Do not move the Corey Ruiz memorial until these stipulations are met:

1. Arrest, Fire, and Deny paid leave of absence of Officer Kiel Peterson for the execution of Corey Ruiz.

2. The immediate public release of all video footage and audio footage including but not limited to dash camera, street cameras, house cameras, area businesses, and key witnesses.

3. An independent investigation by the Office of the Independent Police Monitor - not just DCI - and MPD must give unfettered access to the Office of the Independent Monitor and release all evidence and information they gave to DCI to the Office of the Independent Monitor immediately as per Ordinance MGO 19.

4. Full transparency regarding Corey's execution, and the complete use-of-force timeline.

5. Protection of the Independent Police Monitor’s office and contract from political interference by agencies seeking to weaken police oversight.

6.The reopening of Richard Lee Johnson’s case for criminal review, consistent with the Independent Monitor’s findings.

7. Fire Officer Matt Kenny for the Murder of Tony Robinson and Remove him from the current and future trainings of MPD officers.

From: noreply
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Police Oversight
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:49:14 PM

Recipient: All Alders:

Wednesday, July 22, 2026 – 8:49pm

Ben Lebowitz
921 S Brooks St
Apt 4
Madison, Wisconsin. 53715 No, do not contact me. All Alders Police Oversight Hello,
I am a 8 year resident of Madison. Our police needs to be held accountable for unlawful actions. Please fund the police oversight board and do not limit their power with ordinances.
Ben Lebowitz

From: Amanda Leipold
To: All Alders
Subject: No Referral. VOTE Aug 4th
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 12:30:29 PM

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Hello,

Please do not delay voting on changes to the police oversight ordinance. You do not need more time. Keep the vote on August 4th.

Delay is a tactic to confuse and exhaust the community and people most impacted by these changes. With the recent police killing of Cory Ruiz, it's more important than ever that Madison maintain a strong independent police oversight committee. Vote on August 4th.

Amanda Leipold, JD, MPH
Health Law Attorney
608-556-3185
amandaleipold@gmail.com

From: Justinius Leisher
To: All Alders
Subject: Vote Aug 4th, please
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 9:05:20 AM

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Hello,
I'm a Madison resident. I'm very disturbed by the Madison Police Department. I'm asking that Aeramique Glass be placed as permanent IPM. Please! reject all ordinance amendments that weaken the independence or authority of the office of the IPM or the PCOB. Please! Vote on these issues Aug 4th. DO NOT postpone to September. Please! Fully fund OIPM with investigators, independent legal counsel, case management systems, and community outreach staff needed to provide meaningful civilian oversight.

Thank you for your time on this matter.
Justin Leisher

From: Mikailah Lindberg
To: All Alders
Subject: KEEP AUG 4th MEETING
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 6:56:22 PM

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Hello,

My name is Mikailah Lindberg and I am a resident of District 3 in the City of Madison.

I am writing you all this evening to demand the City of Madison keep the Common Council meeting on August 4th, 2026 at 6:30PM.

This meeting does not need to be suspended. The community deserves to be able to move forward.

Thank you,

Mikailah Lindberg
(608) 405-9365

From: Alexa Lindenmeyer
To: All Alders
Cc: Mayer, Davy; Figueroa Cole, Yannette
Subject: Let The Independent Police Monitor DO HER JOB!
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 1:26:04 PM

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Hello,

I am a resident of District 6. Residents of Madison DO NOT want to refer this ordinance/decision until September 22nd. We want this decision made on AUGUST 4TH.

Let the Independent Police Monitor DO HER JOB NOW.

A Madison police officer executed a man in broad daylight yesterday. We all know what we saw. Do not postpone. This is a tactic to exhaust us. It will not work.

Thank you,
Alex
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Alex Lindenmeyer (she/her)

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From: Dannee Livingston-De Tienne
To: All Alders
Subject: Do not refer
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 2:24:45 PM

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Dear Alders,
I am asking you not to refer the proposed OIPM ordinance amendments to September.

This matter has already been delayed for months. Community members have testified, the Police Civilian Oversight Board has considered the proposal, and the OIPM has clearly communicated its concerns. The Council has enough information to make a decision.

Referring the ordinance again would only prolong uncertainty surrounding an office whose independence is essential to meaningful police oversight. Madison does not need another month of political delay while the future of this system remains unsettled.

The community should not have to continue fighting the same proposed changes meeting after meeting. Independent oversight is too important, and lives are at stake as we saw yesterday.

I ask you to think and sit on Corey Ruiz name and life during this process. He deserved better. Richard Lee Johnson deserved better. Let's not have another "deserved better" statement come next.

Please vote against referring this ordinance to September. Reject the proposed amendments and allow the OIPM to continue its work without further threats to its structural independence.

The power to resolve this is in your hands. Please act now rather than dragging this process out any longer.

Sincerely,

Dannee Livingston-DeTienne

From: Jen Lynch
To: All Alders
Subject: OIPM vote August 4th
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 9:35:01 AM

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Dear Members of the Common Council,

I am a Madison resident writing about the proposed changes to MGO 5.19 and 5.20. I urge you to vote NO on any changes that reduce the OIPM's operational independence. The OIPM's independence is what makes its findings on racial disparities in policing credible and actionable.

Regarding the death of Corey Ruiz this week, it seems that the MPD did not follow its own policies on deescalation. The OIPM can investigate that. The police cannot. Independent investigation is crucial to foster trust between citizens and the police force supposedly sworn to protect that citizenry.

I will be watching the discussions and how you vote on August 4th and September 22nd.

Please listen to those you represent. Thank you for your commitment to this city and making it a better place for ALL Madisonians.

Respectfully,

Jen Lynch

Madison, WI

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From: Nyssa Makepeace
To: All Alders
Subject: justice for Corey Ruiz
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 3:26:58 PM

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Dear City of Madison alders,
The Madison Common Council voted in 2019 to commit MPD to specific use of force standards. MPD never implemented them. Corey Ruiz is dead.

The community is owed an accounting of every Recommendation 109 requirement and exactly where MPD stands on each one. That accounting should come from an independant monitor with the authority to compel it. We are demanding it now.

Recommendation 109 was adopted in 2019. It was not implemented. The city council needs to be accountable for that failure, and the community will be there on August 4th and September 22nd to demand that the Office of the Independant Police Monitor finally gets the funding and staffing it needs to do it's job.

From: Holly Marley-Henschen
To: Figueroa Cole, Yannette
Cc: All Alders
Subject: DO NOT DELAY Discussion of Police Community Oversight Board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 11:41:37 AM

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Alder Figueroa,

I am writing to demand that the discussion of the PCOB remain on Aug. 4. This discussion must be held as soon as possible. The community deserves to have this discussion. Frustration is likely to grow if the discussion is not held soon. This group of people will not give up, especially after we all saw a man murdered in our community.

Regards,

Holly Marley-Henschen

From: Grace Martin
To: All Alders
Subject: Police Oversight Committee
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:49:35 PM

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Hello,

Given the recent murder of civilian, Corey, please fully fund the office of the independent police monitor (Police Civilian Oversight Board). According to speakers at this event, you all are attempting to defund this office through ordinances. Please also explain why these potential cuts are being made.

We will be coming to the meeting on August 4th at 6:30 PM to reaffirm this request.

Thank you,

Grace Martin

From: Hanna McIntosh
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Fund Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 4:47:35 PM

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Hello Mayor Rhodes-Conway and City of Madison alders,

I am a Madison resident in the Greenbush Neighborhood (53715). I am contacting you because **it is critical to the safety of our community that the Police Civilian Oversight Board and Office of the Independent Police Monitor have strengthened funding and full City of Madison and Madison Police Department cooperation to investigate the killing of Corey Ruiz.**

It is unacceptable and horrific that another person has been killed by a MPD officer and it is your responsibility to stop this from happening again.

I support the demands of Black community organizers to immediately arrest the police officer who killed Corey Ruiz, ensure the OIPM can investigate the killing, strengthen funding of the OIMP, and develop community control over police.

Thank you,

Hanna McIntosh

From: Sara Meredith
To: All Alders
Subject: OIPM independence
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:57:13 AM

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Hello Alders,
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We need her position to remain independent so that we as a community can hold our police department accountable. If say the city attorney or the police department have internal review over this work how would this position remain impartial to the process?

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• Advocated for body-worn cameras: "This community has been waiting long enough. What is needed is a decision — backed by a budget, a timeline, and the political will."

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That is what independence produces. Findings that internal review will not reach. Accountability that the department cannot self-generate."

Given all of this information I think we absolutely need to maintain the independence of OIPM and the budget of Police Civilian Oversight Board to hold police accountable. I believe that both are necessary for this city/ county / state to work toward equitable practices and

eliminate disparities in stops and arrests of Black residents, especially our youth.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

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From: Sara Meredith
To: All Alders
Subject: Re: OIPM independence
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 11:28:38 AM

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Hello again Alders,
I sent my previous email yesterday before the officer involved shooting of Corey Ruiz. Now I hear that there is a call to refer/ defer this vote to Sept. Your community is hurting again , please don't delay in taking actionable steps to ensure adequate police oversight. I'm extremely uncomfortable with the fact that we have glaring racial disparities in this city and my Black brothers and sisters are literally dying rather than having us solve this issue. Delaying or refering a vote to a later date would delay healing a wound that has already been left gaping. Please hear us.

Thank you,
Sara

On Wed, Jul 22, 2026 at 8:56 AM Sara Meredith <smeretactics@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: Sara Meredith
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Emergency funding OIPM
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 9:41:48 AM

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Hello Alders and Mayor,

I'm emailing to ask the Mayor and Common Council for emergency funding for the OIPM. I have read that many folks want body cameras for the police but this will not protect anyone from harm from police officers or the MPD in general. We need accountability and we need it fast. If there is emergency funding it should not go to the entity that is needing structural change. Throwing cameras in the mix will not change Madison's racial disparity (largest in the nation!!) when it comes to who is targeted, harmed, and imprisoned in this city.

To quote my alder Carmella Glenn:

"The Office of the Independent Police Monitor the only office in Wisconsin whose job is to independently investigate what MPD does is operating on $400,000 a year.

MPD's budget is $90 million. The OIPM's is $400,000.
That is less than half of one percent of what MPD receives.

MPD has 492 sworn officers and 92 professional staff — 584 people.
The OIPM has one part-time data analyst.

584 to 1. That is the staffing ratio between the department and the office meant to hold it accountable.

It has one part-time data analyst. No full-time investigators. No case management system, No case manger for the volume of work this moment demands.

A Black man was killed by an MPD officer on a public street. No body cameras. Witnesses with cell phones. A community demanding answers.

Monitor Glass has the authority to open an independent investigation. She has the experience she ran one of the highest-volume police accountability offices in Maryland. She has the will.

What she does not have is the resources this moment requires!!!

In June, the OIPM submitted a budget request for the 2027 cycle approximately $900,000 to add staff and build the case management infrastructure this office needs to function at the level our community deserves.

That request has not been approved, yet."

At this moment our community wants real equity and lasting solutions we cannot wait until

2027 we have waited long enough!

Please authorize emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor immediately. Not in the next budget cycle.

Here is what that funding must cover:

• Full-time investigative staff so Monitor Glass can conduct the independent investigation this killing demands without being stretched beyond what a $400,000 budget can hold
• A case management system and case manager so every complaint, every investigation, every finding is tracked, documented, and publicly accessible
• Legal support independent from the city attorney so the office can investigate without the conflict of shared counsel with the department it is reviewing
• Community outreach capacity so every resident in this city who has something to report knows how to reach the OIPM and believes it will do something with what they share

We need you all to act like lives depend on granting emergency funding to OIPM because they do! If officers cannot be investigated independently from the police department (not coming from within) what actual accountability can there even be? Until the OIPM gets the funding they need (year round) we will continue to see a disproportionate amount of Black people harmed and Madison will continue to be #1 worst place to be Black.

Thank you for your time.

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From: Kira Milanich
To: All Alders
Subject: Do not refer the amendments pertaining to the OIM/PCOB to the September 22 meetimg
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 4:18:36 PM

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Not only should these amendments not be postponed until your September 22 meeting, they should be addressed at the August 4 meeting, as originally planned.

These amendments threaten the independence of the OIM and PCOB. This is not a time to weaken the very important role of a truly independent monitor of the MPD. Given Madison's horrific racial disparities that continue to happen year after year, we need to do better! Having a truly independent OIM and PCOB is one part of the solution.

Kira Milanich
Madison, WI

From: Kira Milanich
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: authorize emergency funding for OIPM
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 7:04:56 PM

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In light of the police killing of Corey Riuz and the fact that the OIM is underfunded, I am calling on Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway to authorize emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor immediately. T

This funding should cover:

1.) full-time investigative staff so Monitor Glass can conduct the independent investigation this killing demands without being stretched beyond what the $400,000 budget can manage;

2.) a case management system and case manager so every complaint, every investigation, every finding is tracked, documented, and publicly accessible;

3.) legal support that is independent from the city attorney so the office can investigate without conflict of shared counsel with the department it is reviewing;

4.) community outreach capacity so every resident in this city who has something to report knows how to reach the OIPM and believes it will do something with what they share.

This is not a budget debate. It is a response to a crisis that needs to be addressed immediately. We can and we must do better so that EVERYONE in our community is safe.

Sincerely,

Kira Milanich
Madison 53714

From: Kira Milanich
To: All Alders
Subject: Recommendation 109
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 6:37:53 PM

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To all City of Madison alders,

I know about Recommendation 109 and that it was adopted in 2019. I also know it has not been implemented. I am holding this council accountable for that failure and I will be at the August 4th and September 22nd council meetings to demand that the office capable of keeping us informed finally gets what it needs to do that job.

Madison's racial disparities have gone on for far too long and need to be addressed in actionable ways that support out black and brown community members.

Sincerely,
Kira Milanich
Madison 53714

From: Moms Of Madtown
To: All Alders
Subject: Recommendation 109 in MPD Policy & Procedure Review Ad Hoc Committee Final Report October 18, 2019
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 9:32:25 PM

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In light of the recent killing of our community member, Corey Ruiz, by an officer of the MPD, we are writing to say that we are aware of recommendation 109 and that it was adopted in 2019. It is apparent that it was not implemented.

We, the community members of Madison, are holding this Council accountable for that failure and we will be there on August 4th and September 22nd to demand that the office capable of keeping us informed, finally gets what it needs to do that job.

From: Ez Morgan
To: All Alders
Subject: Protect the police civilian oversight board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 10:23:50 PM

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City of Madison Alders,

I am writing with sadness and anger today about the murder of Corey Ruiz at the hands of a Madison police officer. This should not have happened today, and it should never happen again. We need to make changes to the way our police operate.

A strong and independent police civilian oversight board is critical to guiding those changes.

To actually serve the wellbeing of the communities you represent, it is important for you to bolster the police civilian oversight board instead of using ordinance amendments to reduce their independence.

Sincerely,
Ez Morgan
District 13

From: Brenda Morris
To: All Alders
Subject: Police accountability
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 8:04:30 AM

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To Whom it May Concern:
I am distressed at the killing of Corey Ruiz last Wednesday. It appears that Madison police are not following Recommendation 109 from the MPD Policy and Procedure Review Committee that was adopted in 2019. Additionally, it is a violation of human rights for an individual to be executed without access to a fair trial first. I can't imagine why or how this situation that started with alleged petty theft should have escalated to a public execution without trial. It's difficult to understand how several police officers in bulletproof vests were unable to safely disarm a man with a knife and take him into custody. It seems reckless to begin with that several police vehicles pursued a man on a bicycle and then knocked him down into traffic.

We have to do better for our community, and the police officers responsible for this egregious escalation must be held accountable. Therefore, I am contacting you to support Carmella Glenn's recommendations at this time.

OUR DEMANDS — ON THE RECORD, AS OF TODAY:
1. Emergency supplemental funding for the OIPM this is a response to a crisis, not a budget debate. That funding must cover:
--Full-time investigative staff so Monitor Glass can conduct the independent investigation this killing demands, without being stretched beyond a $400,000 budget.
--A case management system and case manager so every complaint, investigation, and finding is tracked, documented, and publicly accessible.
--Legal support independent from the City Attorney, removing the conflict of shared counsel with the department under review.
--Community outreach capacity so every resident knows how to reach the OIPM and trusts it will act on what they share.
2. Please do NOT postpone the vote on the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Do not refer to September 22. The decision must be made on August 4.
3. An independent financial audit of MPD's budget measured against NACOLE's benchmark that oversight funding reach 1 to 2 percent of the police budget, and cross-referenced against enforcement disparity data traffic stops, disorderly conduct arrests, juvenile citations so equity outcomes are tied directly to funding decisions.

The City of Madison prides itself on being a progressive, welcoming city for all people. It's time to put those ideals into action by fully supporting the OIPM and retraining our police officers in equity and in de-escalation techniques. We must address the racial disparities in policing outcomes in this city.

Sincerely,
Brenda Morris
3149 Buena Vista St.
Madison, WI 53704

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Brenda Morris
Madison, WI

From: Nikole Neu
To: All Alders
Subject: Accountability for Police Involved Shooting
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 4:34:17 PM

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To My Elected Officials~

As a community member, as a local business owner, as a human being, I ask for justice for the police involved shooting in my neighborhood yesterday. My tax dollars shouldn't pay for state violence. I shouldn't fear the police that my tax dollars pay to protect our streets, not murder in our streets.

I would like to know the steps you will be taking to educate the police force on de-escalation techniques & non-lethal force. I would like to know the steps you're taking to re-educate racial bias. What outside agencies are you employing to investigate this tragedy?

I want to elevate the voices of my community members at Freedom Inc:

"Madison Police Department has blood on their hands! We will not turn a blind eye to what happened to Corey Ruiz, Tony Robinson, and all the loved ones we lost due to police violence. ALL EYES will continue to be on MPD.

We demand:
1) the arrest of the murderous cop
2) defund the police
3) strengthen the Police Civilian Oversight Board
4) COMMUNITY CONTROL OVER POLICE

Our community is hurting. We are mourning and we will hold the necessary space for the community to do so. And as we mourn, we will keep each other safe, we will organize, we will fight, and we will win!"

Sincerely,
Nik Neu
Movement Re-education Specialist & LMT

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From: Bill Newman
To: Mayor; Figueroa Cole, Yannette; Field, Derek; Ochowicz, William; Madison, Sabrina
Cc: All Alders
Subject: Responding to the killing of Corey Ruiz
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 11:10:03 AM

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The tragic killing of Corey Ruiz has made clear changes are needed now, not later, in this city. Below are the changes I, and many others, want made:

- Implement Recommendation 109 on the use of force from the MPD Policy and Procedure Review Committee, adopted in 2019 but never implemented. This Council will be held accountable for that failure and for ongoing failure to implement Recommendation 109.

- Provide emergency funding for the PCOB and OIPM. This needs to be done now, in response to the crisis the city is in, and not delayed until budget debates. The funding must include:
    - Full-time investigative staff so IPM Glass can conduct the independent investigation this killing demands without being stretched beyond what a $400,000 budget can hold
    - A case management system and case manager so every complaint, every investigation, every finding is tracked, documented, and publicly accessible
    - Legal support independent from the city attorney so the office can investigate without the conflict of shared counsel with the department it is reviewing
    - Community outreach capacity so every resident in this city who has something to report knows how to reach the OIPM and believes it will do something with what they share

- Do not pospone the vote on the Office of the Independent Monitor decision.

- Discontinue the ammendments in Legistar file 92386 which will reduce the independence and effectiveness of the OIPM and PCOB. Now more than ever, the need is crystal clear for a independent, effective, fully funded, and transparent OIPM to investigate the tragic events resulting in the death of Corey Ruiz.

- Release information on weather and how the actions of the officers when Corey Ruiz was killed followed the MPD's de-escalation policy.

The eyes of Madison, and now the entire country, are on you. I call on you to act now to deal with this crisis and help our city become what it could be - a great place for all to live.

Bill Newman
2037 Rutledge St
53704

From: Lucia Newman
To: All Alders
Subject: Public Requests
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:53:50 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing as a concerned resident to urge you to support strong, independent civilian oversight of our police department.

As a member of the Common Council, I respectfully ask that you:

- Appoint Aeramique Glass as the permanent Independent Police Monitor.
- Reject any ordinance amendments that would weaken the independence or authority of the Office of the Independent Police Monitor (OIPM) or the Police Civilian Oversight Board (PCOB).
- Vote on these important issues on August 4 and do not postpone these decisions until September.
- Fully fund the OIPM by providing the investigators, independent legal counsel, case management systems, and community outreach staff necessary to ensure meaningful and effective civilian oversight.

An independent and well-resourced oversight system is essential for transparency, accountability, and public trust. Our community deserves an oversight office that has both the authority and the resources to carry out its responsibilities effectively.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your consideration of these important requests. I appreciate your leadership and hope you will stand in support of strong, independent police oversight.

Sincerely,

Lucia Newman

From: Sheila O"brien
To: All Alders
Subject: Do NOT refer ordinance 61593 to September
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 11:31:05 AM

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Dear alders,
The community does not need more discussion surrounding this ordinance. You've had YEARS to discuss.
Now is the time for action. Do not delay this any longer. We all know what needs to happen.
Stop delaying. Meet August 4 and do your job.
Respectfully,
Sheila O'Brien
Sent from my iPhone

From: Amy Owen
To: All Alders
Subject: requesting a vote on amendments to PCOB / Independent Police Monitor remain scheduled for August 4th
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 4:54:14 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing to respectfully request that the proposed amendments related to the PCOB and/or Office of the Independent Police Monitor be voted on as scheduled August 4th instead of being referred to a later September meeting. I believe voting on these proposed amendments as soon as possible is the best and healthiest way forward for our community. I greatly value the work of these bodies and ask that you do everything possible to ensure they are able to do their work in a truly independent manner free of barriers and with the full funding necessary to do the job well (please make the data analyst position full time also).

Additionally, I ask that you do everything in your power to assist the OIM to receive all available information, footage, reports, interviews, and any other relevant information needed to fully investigate the shooting of Cory Ruiz on July 22, and allow this investigation to begin as soon as possible. This independent investigation is a critical piece of community healing our city urgently needs, and I am asking that you all be willing to make this moment and decisions related to this shooting the moral moment of your careers. I hope you will all show up for this city in a way that allows you to feel moral conviction in your choices regardless of the consequences to personal power when you look back on this moment. We need you and the community needs courageous and honest leadership.

Thank you,
Amy Owen
East Side Madison Resident

From: Amy Owen
To: Finance Committee; All Alders
Subject: request for funds to support the OIM
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:25:29 PM

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Dear City of Madison Finance Committee and Alders,

I am writing to request funding support for the OIM, especially for the role of the data analyst to become full time. This is a painful time for our community, and the fact that we have an OIM is absolutely precious. The role of this office and its staff in identifying independent facts and details of an incident police are involved in cannot be replaced by any other process, and is a deeply important path to moving forward as a community. In addition to the financial support of this office, I request that you do what you can to help facilitate the release of all necessary reports, video, testimony, and all other related information that the OIM needs in its investigation as soon as possible, and to maintain open lines of communication with this office as this difficult work proceeds.

I want to express my gratitude as well that amendments that may have altered how the work of the PCOB and OIM were done have been withdrawn at this time. I believe this is important, and I have confidence that if there are underlying discussions to be had about any issues that led to those amendments, those conversations can be had in a transparent open manner that involves many stakeholders and impacted groups. Many knowledgeable people worked for years to put the OIM and PCOB in place with carefully thought out policies. Let's preserve that work.

I also would like to ask that you do whatever you can to urge MPD to implement their own policies regarding use of force and de-escalation, and any other policies that have been drafted but never implemented. By implemented, I mean that there are documented consequences for not following them, and that those expected to enforce those consequences do so consistently, and there are consequences for violating the policies at the leadership and HR level as well, so that real cultural change with in the department might occur related to those policies. While I understand the city operates within union contracts guiding certain choices and responses with MPD, these are MPD's own policies not being implemented and enforced, and we need to have real structures guiding how we as a community choose to allow the use of force and state violence, and not just words on a page on a shelf with no power and no expectation that they will be followed and no consequence when they are not followed.

Thank you,
Amy Owen
Madison East side resident

Thank you

From: Melissa Palmer
To: All Alders
Subject: Request to advocate for police civilian oversight board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 4:13:46 PM

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Dear Madison Alders,

I am writing to you all as a resident of madison and fellow neighbor. I am requesting help to advocate for full funding for the Police Civilian Oversight Board or for compliance with the board. In light of the recent tragic murder of Corey Ruiz, amongst many others, I am in support of proper ethics and de-escalation training of MPD. One way to do this is having proper funding and cooperation with the board. This way, we can create safer police interactions for the Madison community.

Sincerely,
Melissa Palmer
District 5 Resident

From: Claire Palmer
To: Mayer, Davy
Cc: All Alders; council
Subject: Community safety and MPD
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 4:19:58 PM

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Dear Alder Mayer,

I am extremely upset about the recent death of Corey Ruiz. I know you are as well. The officers responsible for his death must be held accountable. MPD's continued violence against our community is unacceptable.

I am frustrated and angry that as a city we fail to live up to our responsibilities to each other. We have real and pressing issues in our city: homelessness and unequal distribution of resources. The police do nothing to alleviate these problems, they only make them worse.

The police are frequently at the BRT stop by my home. I have often exited the bus to find multiple armed officers either standing around doing nothing but making people scared or bothering people waiting or sheltering at the bus stop. Other times the bus has had to let passengers off at a different location because a police car was blocking the bus lane and the BRT stop. It is an abhorrent moral failure that our city has created a situation where people have nowhere better to rest and shelter than a bus stop. How does the presence of police with guns help this situation? How does creating a traffic nuisance in the middle of East Wash help it?

I urge you to:

1. Support the Police Civilian Oversight Board and Office of the Independent Police Monitor.
2. Oppose any increase to MPD's funding.
3. Work to limit MPD's scope, in particular limit the situations in which officers are armed with guns.

Thank you,
Claire Palmer
District 6 Constituent

From: Oleka Parker
To: All Alders
Subject: Please protect Madison's independent police monitor Office
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 10:31:03 PM

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Dear Madison Common Council Alders,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to reject the proposed amendments that would weaken the independence of Madison's Independent Police Monitor Office.

As a Community Outreach Specialist at NAMI Dane County and a Certified Peer and Parent Peer Support Specialist, I work every day with people living with serious mental illness, individuals experiencing homelessness, and families navigating crisis. I also collaborate with law enforcement through Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) efforts to help improve interactions between officers and people experiencing mental health crises.

Because of this work, I see the challenges from multiple perspectives. I know firsthand how difficult these situations can be for community members and for officers alike. I also know that trust is essential. An independent police monitor helps build that trust by providing transparency, accountability, and confidence that concerns will be reviewed fairly and without undue influence.

Many of the individuals I work with have experienced trauma, mental illness, homelessness, or substance use disorders. For them, trusting public systems can already be incredibly difficult. Weakening the independence of the Police Monitor Office risks further eroding that trust at a time when we should be strengthening it.

Supporting independent oversight is not about being anti-police. In my experience, effective oversight and accountability benefit everyone—including officers. Transparency helps build stronger relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve, making it easier to work together during crises and improving public confidence in policing.

Madison has worked hard to build collaborative relationships among community organizations, behavioral health providers, advocates, and law enforcement. Preserving a truly independent Police Monitor Office is an important part of that work.

I respectfully ask you to oppose any amendments that would compromise the office's independence and to continue supporting meaningful civilian oversight in our city.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your commitment to the people of Madison.

Sincerely,

Oleka Parker
Community Outreach Specialist
NAMI Dane County
Certified Peer Support Specialist (CPSS)
Certified Parent Peer Support Specialist (CPPS)

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From: Jill Pfeiffer
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Please Increase OIPM funding
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 7:30:22 AM

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Dear Mayor Rhodes-Conway and the Madison Common Council,

Through grief and collective care, I join the chorus of Madison residents asking for emergency funding for the OIPM. Please prioritize this now and not delay meaningful action.

It is my understanding that in June, the OIPM submitted a budget request for the 2027 cycle; approximately $900,000 to add staff and build the case management and infrastructure this office needs to function at the level our community deserves.
Please review and approve that request.

Please authorize emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor immediately, which will cover:

• Full-time investigative staff so Monitor Glass can conduct the independent investigation this killing demands without being stretched beyond what a $400,000 budget can hold
• A case management system and case manager so every complaint, every investigation, every finding is tracked, documented, and publicly accessible
• Legal support independent from the city attorney so the office can investigate without the conflict of shared counsel with the department it is reviewing
• Community outreach capacity so every resident in this city who has something to report knows how to reach the OIPM and believes it will do something with what they share.

The community and city residents are watching closely to see how our values are reflected in the actions taken.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Jill Pfeiffer

From:	Lindi P.
To:	All Alders; Mayor; Office of the Independent Police Monitor; Police Civilian Oversight Board; Glass, Aeiramique; Madison, Sabrina
Cc:	DOJCommunications@doj.state.wi.us; liberty@aclu-wi.org; DCR; danecoda@da.wi.gov; citydesk@madison.com; DaneVW@da.wi.gov; naacp36ab@gmail.com
Subject:	Public Comment & Request for Written Response Regarding Cory Ruiz, Police Oversight, OIPM Funding, and Recommendation 109
Date:	Tuesday, July 28, 2026 5:19:29 PM

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To: Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway, Madison Common Council, Police Civilian Oversight Board, Office of the Independent Monitor, and City Officials

I prepared the following statement on July 23rd, preparing to speak at the community listening session. I later learned that was postponed to hold vigil for Cory Ruiz and mourners. I would like my statement below still heard as my feelings are just the same today.

Since writing the statement below, I have learned that the Common Council has withdrawn the proposed amendments to the Office of the Independent Monitor and Police Civilian Oversight Board ordinances in favor of mediation and a restorative justice process. While I support good-faith dialogue, I do not believe mediation should replace accountability, transparency, or meaningful reform.

I have also followed up with additional requests below. I expect a follow-up response post haste.

Written July 23, 2026:

1st Id like to extend my condolenses and prayers for healing to Cory Ruiz family as well as all the mourners due to police brutality.

My name is Lindi
Im here to speak about my observations of racism, bigotry, bias, and cowardace in this community.

I've lived in this community for roughly 40 years. Prior to that, I mainly grew up in rural Wisconsin. My mother, whom is abt 87.5% white, raised me. The rest of me is home grown, organic, Turtle Islander. I've been given life experience in being able to identify the process of said topics. An up close exposure if you will. I see the underlying racist, bigotted values that have been engrained in our society from humble dwellings to rolling acres. I see the bias towards money and power, and the cowardace masks that are worn before leaving the home.

In my time here, growing up in the juvenile system to everyday present life, I see those masks here in Madison. From city officials, to the court system, medical, mental health srvs, to polce officers.

As for MPD, I have witnessed and experienced many counts of racial profiling, dirty investigating, unprofessional and highly juvenile behavior. All while wearing a blue mask.

Then you have city officials, biased towards money and power, wearing their "I care" masks. Allowing these over emotional, trigger happy, fellow mask wearers running around with no true accountability.

City officials as well as the MPD are servants to the people, not the money and the power!

A thorough investigation into long standing corruption in this community needs to happen NOW!

In closing, I'd like to add the way media and such are portrying Mr. Ruizs rap sheet as just cause for the shooting, let me call out my observation this is just another cowardace mask to point the blame rather than look at the deeper picture.

Present day, these are my additional demands:

1. I ask for a prompt, transparent, and independent investigation into the shooting of Cory Ruiz. Based on the videos I have personally viewed, I believe there was no imminent threat that justified deadly force. If investigators conclude that criminal conduct occurred, I expect the appropriate prosecuting authority to pursue charges.

2. Provide emergency funding to the Office of the Independent Monitor. THIS IS NOT A BUDGET DEBATE!!!!

3. I have recently learned about Recommendation 109. I understand it was adopted in 2019 and never implemented. I am holding this Council and City leadership accountable for that failure. I expect a public explanation and a timeline for implementation.

4. Strengthen the Civilian Oversight Board. As discussions move forward through mediation, ensure that the end result is a stronger, more independent Board with meaningful disciplinary authority to the fullest extent allowed by law.

5. MPD and DCI should be in FULL compliance with providing ALL information lawfully requested by the Office of the Independent Monitor.

6. I request renewed transparency regarding the Tony Robinson case, including a public explanation of what additional review or release of information is legally possible.

Mayor Rhodes-Conway, I ask that you publicly support meaningful police accountability, emergency funding for the Office of the Independent Monitor, implementation of Recommendation 109, and meaningful strengthening of civilian oversight as this mediation process moves forward.

I would like a follow up response post haste.

Sincerely,

Lindi Pidgeon

From: Karen Urrutia Polnitz
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Support for the OIPM
Date: Friday, July 24, 2026 12:32:13 PM

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Hello Mayor Rhodes-Conway and Alders,

I know you are carrying the grief of our city right now. Thank you for leading us forward with care.

I am writing to express my support for increased funding and organizational support for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. We deserve accountability after Corey's murder and we deserve to feel safe on our streets. This office must be supported financially and by structures that will maximize and ensure it's efficiency.

I echo the following requests from Alder Carmella Glen and other community leaders:

- "Full-time investigative staff so Monitor Aeiramique Glass can conduct the independent investigation this killing demands without being stretched beyond what a $400,000 budget can hold"

- "A case management system and case manager so every complaint, every investigation, every finding is tracked, documented, and publicly accessible"

- "Legal support independent from the city attorney so the office can investigate without the conflict of shared counsel with the department it is reviewing"

- "Community outreach capacity so every resident in this city who has something to report knows how to reach the OIPM and believes it will do something with what they share"

Thank you for supporting the community's needs during this time.

In solidarity and hope,
Karen

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

"All of us need all of us to make it."
-Rev. Julián Jamaica Soto

From: Sam Press
To: All Alders
Subject: We Deserve Better
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 6:22:46 PM

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Our community can't keep living in fear from an unchecked police force. I'm writing to ask you to fully fund the Police Civilian Oversight Board and to give it full authority to investigate and censure incidents like the ones that killed Corey Ruiz and Tony Robinson. Act now or stand on the wrong side of history - and public opinion.

-- Sam Haney Press,
Madison Resident

From: Tessa
To: All Alders
Subject: fully fund the PCOB and maintain its independence
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 7:56:38 AM

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fully fund the PCOB and maintain its independence

The police killing today is disgusting. The killer and Matt Kenny need to go. Fund the independent monitor.

Fully fund the police civilian oversight board and stop amendments stripping their independence.

thanks,
Tessa Price

From: Lindsey R.
To: All Alders; Figueroa Cole, Yannette; Madison, Sabrina
Subject: Recommendation 109
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2026 8:45:59 PM

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Attn. Alders of Madison:

We know about Recommendation 109. We know it was adopted in 2019. We know it was not implemented. We are holding this Council accountable for that failure and we will be there on August 4th and September 22nd to demand that the office capable of keeping us informed, finally gets what it needs to do that job.

We know your job is difficult, especially right know, and we thank you for your cooperation in upholding justice.

From: Michelle Robinson
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Request for an Independent and Transparent Investigation into the Recent Police Shooting
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 4:47:31 PM

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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: Amelia Royko Maurer
To: All Alders
Subject: Clarity on who has the conflict of interest
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2026 10:21:21 PM

Conflicts noted in red.	MPD Professional Standards Internal Affairs (PSIA)	Office of the Independent Monitor (OIM)
A Complaint is filed against an MPD police officer.	Complaint goes directly to the internal police division.	Complaint is routed to the OIM, an entity completely independent of the police department.
Who Investigates?	Police officers investigate their own friends, coworkers, and the command staff who have a say in their promotions, demotions and firings.	The Independent Monitor (IM), acting as an external, independent entity.
Final Determination & Power	PSIA recommends an outcome; the Chief of Police holds unilateral power to accept, reopen, or change the conclusion. The chief's reputation as a leader is heavily dependent on the reputation of his department.	The IM independently reviews all data (including MPD's files) to rule on legality and policy violations. Their reputation is dependent upon the impartiality of their work and evidence-based determinations
Appeals / Higher Body	Cases can go to the Police & Fire Commission (PFC), a 5-member board appointed by the mayor.	Operating externally, the IM focuses on independent oversight and issuing structural recommendations.
Career Dependencies	PSIA staff are required to investigate the very command staff who control their promotions, demotions, and hiring.	The IM does not investigate or rule on the body that appoints or holds her accountable.
Political Pressures	The mayor relies on police support for elections; Alders historically defer to MPD to avoid union backlash.	The IM is not an elected official and lacks the political power or resources to influence election outcomes.
Historical Track Record	The mayoral-appointed PFC has almost no history of finding officers in the wrong for harming civilians.	Designed specifically to provide objective, non-partisan oversight outside the traditional insular network.

From:	Alex Saloutos
To:	Maia Pearson
Cc:	All Alders; Police Civilian Oversight Board; Hope Vang; Vanessa Statam; Brandice Hatcher; Katey Nelson; Helyn Luisi; Devon Snyder; Michelle Miller; Stephanie Rearick; Rodney Saunders Jr.; Carlotta Calmese
Subject:	Public comment for tonight"s meeting, Legistar 92386 and 94126
Date:	Thursday, July 23, 2026 4:19:39 PM
Attachments:	260723_MEMORANDUM_PCOB_LEGISTAR92386-94126.pdf

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Chair Pearson and members of the Police Civilian Oversight Board:

Attached is my public comment memorandum for tonight's meeting on the proposed changes to MGO 5.19 and 5.20, agenda items 2 and 3 (Legistar 92386 and Legistar 94126). Please distribute it to the members and enter it into the meeting record.

Thank you.

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Alex Saloutos

Phone: (608) 345-9009

Email: asaloutos@tds.net

M E M O R A N D U M

Date: July 23, 2026

To: Police Civilian Oversight Board

CC: Common Council

From: Alex Saloutos

RE: **Public comment for the July 23, 2026 meeting on proposed changes to MGO 5.19 and 5.20 (Legistar 92386 and Legistar 94126)**

I submit these comments for consideration at tonight's meeting regarding the changes to MGO 5.19 and 5.20 (Legistar 92386 and Legistar 94126), which are agenda items 2 and 3.

The mission and goals of the Office of the Independent Monitor remain necessary, and true independence is critically important. The tragic shooting of Corey Ruiz by a Madison police officer yesterday is graphic evidence: when police use deadly force, the public needs independent oversight it can trust.[1]

The record since the Council's April 21 referral speaks for itself. The Council voted 16 to 4 to send Legistar 92386 back to the PCOB with a return date of August 4, a 15-week window. Between April 21 and July 22, the PCOB and its subcommittees met five times, and the item appeared on no agenda; four other meetings were canceled.[2] Tonight's meeting, the first on the referral, was announced at 3:17 p.m. yesterday with no agenda attached, 93 days after the Council's vote and 12 days before the Council acts.[3] An agenda was posted online later in the evening. My April 22 email to the chair asking for the board's plan to address this legislation, and its arrangements for legal counsel, has received no response.[4] Meanwhile, three versions of the legislation are set for the Council's August 4 agenda, and each affects the independence of the OIM and the PCOB: each places the office within the city's administrative structure and its Administrative Procedure Memoranda, each reshapes the office's use of legal counsel, and two condition the mechanics of records access on a negotiated Memorandum of Understanding.[5]

There are two ways to read those 93 days, and neither is good. Either the PCOB did nothing on the Council's referral until now, or work occurred outside noticed public meetings, contrary to Wisconsin's open meetings law, which requires the business of a governmental body, and of its subcommittees, to be conducted in meetings that are publicly noticed and open to the public.[6] I have

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1 "Who Is Corey Ruiz? Man Reportedly Shot by Officer in Madison, Wisconsin," Newsweek, July 23, 2026, https://www.newsweek.com/who-is-corey-ruiz-man-reportedly-shot-by-officer-in-madison-wisconsin-12232222; "Madison police kill man in broad daylight in front of witnesses," Yahoo News, July 23, 2026, https://www.yahoo.com/news/us/articles/madison-police-kill-man-broad-021313724.html.

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5 Legistar File 92386, Versions 1, 2, and 3, texts and drafter's analyses, https://madison.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7988410&GUID=6D618C28-9FCF-4259-8402-00773301AA85.

6 Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81 to 19.84.

no evidence that a quorum deliberated in private. What the record shows is the absence of agenda items, minutes, a public plan, and an answer to a direct written question about the plan.

Given that record, I will make two recommendations to the Common Council:

1. The Council should appoint a workgroup to update MGO 5.19 and 5.20, modeled on the 2020 Alder Workgroup that created these ordinances, with public meetings, public comment at every meeting, and diverse perspectives at the table. The PCOB has demonstrated it is not up to the task.

2. The Council should retain a consultant to assist that workgroup: a subject-matter expert in police oversight, a mediator, or both.

I also urge the PCOB to take two actions of its own:

1. Consider changes to your leadership to improve the PCOB's effectiveness, transparency, and accountability.

2. Promptly retain independent legal counsel experienced in municipal law to advise the PCOB in areas where the Office of the City Attorney has a conflict of interest, including the revisions to MGO 5.19 and 5.20. The City Attorney's office wrote and has defended these amendments; the PCOB should not rely on their counsel to evaluate them.

Doing this well cannot be done in the two remaining weeks. Addressing the Council's concerns and closing the gaps in MGO 5.19 and 5.20, as revealed by a comparison with other municipalities, is substantial work. Some municipalities, for example, give the monitor the right to participate in interviews of witnesses in officer-involved deaths and in internal police department investigations. That is the kind of improvement a properly supported workgroup can evaluate, and a rushed rewrite cannot.

Whatever the PCOB decides tonight, do this work in noticed public meetings: hear the public, deliberate in open session, and send the Council a recommendation it can weigh on August 4. The ordinance you operate under was built in the open in 2020.[7] Its revision should be too.

[7] Alder Workgroup to Develop Logistics & Operational Details for MPD Independent Civilian Oversight, Meeting Minutes, June 25 to August 3, 2020; MGO 5.19 and 5.20 adopted September 1, 2020, Legistar File No. 61593.

From: Sarah P
To: All Alders
Subject: Stop Genocide NOW
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 1:07:02 PM

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Hello My name Sarah Peeler I live in Dane County. The council must do their part in stop genocide against black people in Wisconsin. Do all things listed below or you willl be removed from your seats.

1. Appoint Aeramique Glass as the permanent Independent Police Monitor.

2. Reject all ordinance amendments that weaken the independence or authority of the Office of the Independent Police Monitor (OIPM) or the Police Civilian Oversight Board (PCOB).

4. Vote on these issues on August 4. Do not postpone these decisions to September.

5. Fully fund the OIPM with the investigators, independent legal counsel, case management systems, and community outreach staff needed to provide meaningful civilian oversight.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Seals, Holly
To: All Alders
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 4:10:16 PM

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Hello Alders

I wrote you all an email a few days ago about the proposed changes to MGO 5.19 and 5.20. I urged you to vote NO on any changes that would reduce the Office of the Independent Police Monitor's operational independence.

That was before ANOTHER Black resident was killed by Madison police yesterday. The reason for my follow-up email today is concerning the decision to potentially refer the ordinance to September 22nd, from the current date of August 4th. As a lifelong Madison resident who is raising a Black child in this community, I am begging you to hold the meeting as planned on August 4th.

The OIPM is such a crucial piece to the justice system here. Please, please listen to the cries of the Madison residents who are hurting and scared.

Thank you

Holly Seals

From: Melissa
To: All Alders
Subject: URGENT: Fund the OIPM
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 12:09:02 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing as a very concerned citizen and resident of Madison, Wisconsin (East Side).

I am both deeply saddened and outraged by the murder of Mr. Corey Ruiz at the hands of the MPD, and as a relatively new resident of our beloved Madison, have only recently become aware of the significant history and devastating trend of racialized/racist policing in Madison. This must be interrupted and course-corrected, both for the sake of our people and our police officers. We must restore trust in the MPD, especially with our Black and Brown neighbors and our young people.

Please REJECT the current and/or any ordinance amendment(s) that undermine the City of Madison OIPM.

Please SUPPORT retaining the current interim IPM, **Meeka Glass**, and make her the permanent IPM.

Please adequately FUND the OIPM. We must have full-time investigators, independent legal counsel, a case management system, and robust community outreach. Please REALLOCATE 1% (or more!) of the MPD's budget to the Office of Independent Police Monitoring. The MPD must be held accountable so that our community can heal and, together, set things right.

Thank you for your concerned attention to this urgent matter.

Please let our actions align with our stated shared values in Madison.

Sincerely,
Melissa Stewart

Rev. Dr. Melissa Stewart, DMin, LCSW-R
(she/her)
Spiritual Director, The Thread Interfaith Seminary
Phone: 608.628.5152

Let the beauty we love be what we do. There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the ground. ~ Rumi

From: Zoe Sullivan
To: All Alders
Cc: Matthews, Julia
Subject: Fully fund the Civilian Oversight Review Board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 12:22:31 PM

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Dear Madison Alders,

In the wake of yesterday's horrific shooting of Corey Ruiz, I ask you to ensure that the Civilian Oversight Review Board is fully funded. The work of that office seems to have faced obstruction, and yesterday's killing is yet another reminder of the urgency of the city's police accountability work.

Regards,

Zoe Sullivan

From: Katrin Talbot
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026 8:41:07 AM

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Emergency funding for the OIPM is not a budget debate. It is a response to a crisis in Madison that is being observed nationally. Please support funding for this critical need; currently the Office has one part-time data analyst. The community wants real equity and we can't wait until 2027. The police department has to be accountable to the community it serves.

Here is what that funding must cover:

• Full-time investigative staff so Monitor Glass can conduct the independent investigation this killing demands without being stretched beyond what a $400,000 budget can hold
• A case management system and case manager so every complaint, every investigation, every finding is tracked, documented, and publicly accessible
• Legal support independent from the city attorney so the office can investigate without the conflict of shared counsel with the department it is reviewing
• Community outreach capacity so every resident in this city who has something to report knows how to reach the OIPM and believes it will do something with what they share.
Thank you so much for your immediate attention to this matter.

Katrin Talbot

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"Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?"
--Mary Oliver

From: Paul Terranova
To: All Alders
Subject: Office of the Independent Police Monitor
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 9:02:10 AM

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Dear alders,

I just wanted to add my voice to those call on you to protect the independence and autonomy of the Office of the Independent Police Monitor and reject amendments that would curtail that independence and autonomy.

I don't have any particular expertise in this area, but this moment does seem to illustrate the points of those opposed to the amendments pretty clearly.

I don't see how we can have the same city attorney advising the city government on how to avoid liability and also guiding the OIPM's efforts to ensure accountability?

It also seems clear that we need OIPM to have access to all of the evidence, data, video from the shooting yesterday.

This is not a time for backsliding. I hope you will agree and act accordingly.

Sincerely,

Paul Terranova
1821 Helena St
Madison, WI 53704

From: Paul Terranova
To: All Alders
Subject: OIPM budget
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 10:05:26 AM

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Dear alders,

First I want to thank you for withdrawing the amendments that would have weakened the independence of the OIPM and PCOB.

I would also like to urge you to allocate 1% of the overall police budget to the OIPM. This is a small but critical investment in public safety for all.

Thank you,

Paul Terranova
1821 Helena St
Madison, WI 53704

From: tmroche85@gmail.com
To: All Alders
Subject: Vote NO August 4th
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 8:34:06 AM

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Hello Alders-

I am a Madison resident writing about the proposed changes to MGO 5.19 and 5.20. I urge you to vote NO on any changes that reduce the OIPM's operational independence. The OIPM's independence is what makes its findings on racial disparities in policing credible and actionable. I will be watching how you vote August 4th.

Kind Regards
Tessa

Sent from my iPhone

From: Lane Thompson
To: All Alders
Subject: Fully Fund the City of Madison Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:48:43 PM

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To all the alders of the city of Madison,

You must fully fund the police civilian oversight board and stop impinging on their independence.

From: Kaeden Watford
To: All Alders
Subject: IMPORTANT MATTER
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 2:40:47 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to you regarding the referred ordinance discussion.

We do not want this matter referred to September 22nd as there is no need for a delay. We want to keep the date of August 4th. Our community needs this ordinance discussion and we are standing firm in what we want. Our community needs an end so that we can begin to heal. It is extremely important that the date is kept for August 4th.

I sincerely hope you move forward with request. We vote you into these positions because we believe you'll do what's best and in this instance that is keeping this ordinance discussion date for our communities sake.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

In community,
Kaeden Watford

From: Ben Weger
To: All Alders
Subject: Fund and Support the Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 8:50:01 PM

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Alders,

Stop entertaining amendments to strip power and independence from the Police Civilian Oversight Board. Fully fund their work before more people are executed in our streets.

Sincerely,
Ben Weger
District 15

From: Coral
To: All Alders
Subject: REQUEST: Full Funding for Police Civilian Oversight Board
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 2:56:33 PM

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Dear Madison Alders,

I am one of many who are upset, and write to urge for full funding for the Police Civilian Oversight Board. Our community is hurting and angry. A Madison Police Officer murdered a man in broad daylight. I urge you to support the Police Civilian Oversight Board in providing them with the funding to organize for peace and safety in our community. There are other options, police violence kills members of our community, and it's in your jurisdiction to support these alternatives.

Thank you for your time, and for doing the right thing.

Coral Weinstock

From: Vic Welle
To: Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Call for action
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 8:04:43 AM

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To those elected to serve:

I am a former resident of Wisconsin who spent 10 years there working in mental health and crisis response, including working with organizations based in Madison. In that time I became more and more convinced that lasting mental health and healing will not happen unless root causes of trauma are effectively addressed. This includes the ongoing trauma that Black and Brown community experience in the form of witnessing and experiencing police violence.

The traumatic, unjust murder of Corey Ruiz is once again showing the deep harm that could prevented if meaningful action and adequate resources are provided to the community. I fully support the calls of community members in Madison who are making these demands:

1. Arrest, Fire, and Deny paid leave of absence of Officer Kiel Peterson for the execution of Corey Ruiz.

2. The immediate public release of all video footage and audio footage including but not limited to dash camera, street cameras, house cameras, area businesses, and key witnesses.

3. An independent investigation by the Office of the Independent Police Monitor - not just DCI - and MPD must give unfettered access to the Office of the Independent Monitor and release all evidence and information they gave to DCI to the Office of the Independent Monitor immediately as per Ordinance MGO 19.

4. Full transparency regarding Corey's execution, and the complete use-of-force timeline.

5. Protection of the Independent Police Monitor’s office and contract from political interference by agencies seeking to weaken police oversight.

6.The reopening of Richard Lee Johnson’s case for criminal review, consistent with the Independent Monitor’s findings.

7. Fire Officer Matt Kenny for the Murder of Tony Robinson and Remove him from the current and future trainings of MPD officers.

I call on all those with the power to release emergency funding to allocate funds that can both meaningfully implement changes to use of force standards as well as support community efforts to address the root causes of trauma and emotional suffering.

Safe, healthy communities are ones with affordable housing, living wages, and racial equity. None of that can be accomplished by police. Please fund what truly supports community health and healing, and ensure that police can no longer traumatize the community.

Sincerely,

Vic Welle
Saint Paul, MN

From: Terri Wells
To: All Alders
Cc: AlderYannetteFigueroaColedistrict10@cityofmadison.com; CouncilPresidentSabrinaMadisondistrict17@cityofmadison.com; AlderWillOchowiczdistrict2@cityofmadison.com; AlderDerekFieldsdistrict3@cityofmadison.com
Subject: Discontinue 92386!
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 8:52:59 PM

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As this nation's law enforcement body is more dangerous than it has ever been before FOR MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES.
STOP trying to gut the independence of the strongest police oversight mechanism in the country and our community.

The effort to find "experts" who will support the effort to water down the OIM and PCOB.

We need efforts surrounding the OIM and PCOB.

The amendments in Legistar file 92386 threaten the independence of the Office of the Independent Police Monitor (OIM) and Police Civilian Oversight Board (PCOB).

Please discontinue the amendments in Legistar file 92386. 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.

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.
I am a supporter and would like to maintain community oversight local and with representation of those impacted by these harms to better the system and two way communications.

I am once again urging to let the OIM and PCOB do their important work.

Thank you.

Terri Urbina-Wells
terriurbinawells@gmail.com

If not you then who, if not now then when.

From: Maya Wilkes
To: All Alders
Subject: Recommendation 109
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 8:42:41 AM

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We know about Recommendation 109.
We know it was adopted in 2019.
We know it was not implemented.
We are holding this Council accountable for that failure and we will be there on August 4th and September 22nd to demand that the office capable of keeping us informed, finally gets what it needs to do that job.

Thank you for your hard work!

From: Kevin L Williams
To: All Alders
Subject: Corey Ruiz Shooting Death and Continuing Support for the PCOB/OIM
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 3:10:01 PM

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Dear Alders,

I am writing you today as a heartbroken resident of Madison, and as a member of the First United Methodist Church faith community.

The shocking death of Corey Ruiz at the intersection of Williamson Street and South Baldwin has reopened a spiritual wound that, seemingly, refuses to heal. I thought, perhaps, that our community could indeed heal following the shooting death of Paul Heenan. And, then, Ashley DiPiazza. And, then, Tony Robinson. But, now, with the death of Corey Ruiz, I fear that our city and its people may never, truly, have a chance to heal. And I grieve that lost opportunity, and my own growing loss of hope.

For those reasons and more, a timely, thorough and fully transparent investigation into Corey's death must take place. I am well aware of the fact that modern history does not reveal any instance in Madison when a law enforcement officer has been criminally charged in an on-duty shooting death. Similarly, no law enforcement officer in Wisconsin has ever been convicted at criminal trial for an on-duty shooting death. Candidly, I have no expectation of a different outcome in Corey's investigation and charging decision by the Dane County District Attorney. But, "legal" and "morally right" are two different standards. And we cannot say, as legislators and as citizens of this great city, that everything was "done right" in Corey's death. We cannot simply pronounce that a young black man's death on our streets at the hands of law enforcement personnel is acceptable and normative. As Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway said in a recent press conference, "It does not matter who you are or what your past is. You should not lose your life as a result of an encounter with law enforcement."

I also want to take this opportunity to praise those alders who decided to withdraw proposals to amend the ordinance creating the Police Civilian Oversight Board and Office of Independent Monitor. Clearly, the PCOB and IM Glass viewed those proposed amendments as harmful to both the independence and the effectiveness of the PCOB/OIM. I urge the Common Council to continue to work with the PCOB/OIM, to find common ground for dialogue, and to work together for the greater good of Madison. That includes appropriate funding of the PCOB/OIM to a minimum of 1% of the Madison Police Department budget. As the only civilian oversight organization monitoring MPD, it is essential that the PCOB/OIM continue their independent work, and that they are supported by appropriate budget dollars to make that work more than perfunctory. I believe that support for the PCOB/OIM is essential in rebuilding the lost trust

between MPD and a significant part of our city's community.

Thank you for reading my plea and listening to my concerns. I encourage you . . . I encourage all of us . . . to find the moral courage to lift up the City of Madison and build the beloved community we all desire.

Respectfully,

Kevin L. Williams

Kevin L Williams
qb12dad@gmail.com
815-236-2666

From: Beth Ann Workmaster
To: All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Shooting of Corey Durell Ruiz
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 8:44:43 PM

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Hello City of Madison Alders and Mayor Rhodes-Conway:

I am saddened by the recent fatal shooting of another young black man, Corey Ruiz, by an officer of the City of Madison Police Department yesterday, Wednesday, July 22. As news reports have come out about this tragic incident what rises to the top for myself and many others in our community is that this man, regardless of what acts he may have committed that day or in the past, was still someone's son, relative, and friend. And what baffles and frustrates me the most is the lingering question of how can one man on a bicycle, even having brandished a knife, end up dead when he he is outnumbered 4:1 by police officers? No suspected perpetrator in such a scenario should end up dead. Period. Mr. Ruiz may have had a long arrest and conviction record, he may have been breaking the law by attempting to enter parked cars, and he may have been resisting arrest, but he none of those justify him being killed. He did not deserve to die. Period. In addition, if it turns out he was experiencing some sort of mental health crisis, then that should been recognized and de-escalated so that, again, he did not end up dead.

It is no accident in America that it is young Black men who experience unjust and often fatal treatment at the hands of law enforcement. The historical roots of this phenomenon need to be more thoroughly examined by communities and law enforcement agencies and real change needs to be enacted in many levels. We as a community cannot fix everything but we can start by everyone in positions of authority, such as yourselves, to not only call for but ensure that proper investigation be done of this killing and proper and compassionate care be afforded Corey Ruiz's family.

This is a time when the Police Civilian Oversight Board needs to be allowed to operate independently and fully, and for the public to be informed of developments in this situation. The tightest oversight should be of the police department and its handling of this matter.

Sincerely,

BA Workmaster
1142 Erin St
Madison

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The only way out is always through. -- Robert Frost, "A Servant to Servants" (1915)

And the only good way through is together. -- John Green, The Anthropocene Reviewed (2021)