From: Liz Amaya
To: All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM - File 94112
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:12:52 PM

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Thank you,
Liz

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From: Jamie Ames
To: All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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Sent today from Jamie Ames (Madison Resident) to financecommittee@cityofmadison.com

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From: IAArman
To: Finance Committee; All Alders
Subject: OIPM Funding
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From: T. S. Banks
To: All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:27:27 PM

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Greetings Common Council,

I am T Banks, a Madison resident, writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22.

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From: Justin BD
To: Finance Committee
Cc: All Alders
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From: Kate Behrens
To: All Alders; Finance Committee; Mayor; Finance
Subject: Yes, approve emergency supplemental funding of OIPM
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:45:21 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to say that it is high time for Madison to have a **fully funded, fully independent**, Office of the Independent Police Monitor. The recent killing of Mr. Ruiz, as well as many other egregious and questionable responses by the MPD, demand nothing less. It's too bad that we need something like this, and that it needs **emergency funding now**, but that's where we are at! So this is exactly the kind of thing I would like to see my tax dollars spent on.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Behrens
Long time Madison resident

From: Amanda Bell
To: Finance Committee; All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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Thank you for your action.

Amanda Bell

224 Venus Way

From: Leah Beltran
To: All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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Leah Beltran

From: noreply
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Independent Police Monitor
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:23:08 PM

Recipient: All Alders:

Monday, July 27, 2026 – 2:22pm

Lezlie Blanton
2450 east mifflin sr
Madison, Wisconsin. 53704 No, do not contact me. All Alders Independent Police Monitor I am a Madison resident writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.
Yes, I did copy paste this however, I mean every single word of it.

From: e blessing
To: Finance Committee; All Alders
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Hello members of the Finance Committee,

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

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

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

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

Thank you,

Jamie Blessing
District 6
Madison, WI

From: Jaimielyn Burke
To: Finance Committee
Cc: All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:28:51 PM

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Good afternoon,

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Regards,
Jaimielyn Burke

From: Samantha Carroll
To: All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM - File 94112
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:31:05 PM

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Thank you,

Samantha Carroll
(608) 513-5781

From: Lisa Charron
To: Finance Committee
Cc: All Alders
Subject: Emergency funding for OIPM
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:28:46 PM

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Hello,

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

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

The Madison Police Department receives $90 million annually. The OIPM receives $400,000, which is less than half of one percent of that. MPD has 584 staff. The OIPM has one part-time analyst.

I am asking this committee to act on emergency supplemental funding for the OIPM that covers: a full time investigative staff, a case management system and case manager, legal support independent from the City Attorney, and community outreach capacity.

This is a response to a crisis, not a budget debate. The community cannot wait for the 2027 budget cycle. We need action now.

Thank you for your time.

Lisa Charron
1317 E Wilson St
Madison, WI 53703

From: Jody Clowes
To: Finance Committee; All Alders
Subject: Emergency funding for OIPM - File 94112 public comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 1:49:24 PM

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I am a Madison resident (1017 Colby St) strongly encouraging emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. The OIPM must have resources to conduct a full independent investigation of the death of Corey Ruiz. This cannot wait until the next budget year.

Thank you,
Jody Clowes

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

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I am a Madison resident since 1994, living and working on the near east side of town.My office is on the corner of the killing. I am beyond sickened by the deterioration of life in Madison due to the militarization of our police and the lack of any meaningful oversight of the police. I am writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22 due to a blatant escalation by the officer (s) involved. The events that preceded chasing him into a dangerous intersection created the scenario, and then the justification of another killing by the MPD.

The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

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From:	Madeline Doon
To:	All Alders; Finance Committee; Finance; Lankella, Badri; Verveer, Michael; Vidaver, Regina; Madison, Sabrina; Mayor; O"Brien, Sean; Evers, Tag; hellobadri@yahoo.com; campaign@mikeververeer.com; madisonformadison@gmail.com; seanobrien.vote@gmail.com; info@tagevers.com
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Hello,

I have been a Madison resident for the last 8 years. I have made an intentional choice to stay in Madison for possibly the rest of my life. I am writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000.

That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

In Madison, how many MPD-caused deaths will be enough for you to take real action to hold officers accountable?
July 2026 - Corey Ruiz is killed by Kiel Baitinger-Peterson (still employed)
March 2015 - Tony Robinson is killed by Matt Kenny (still employed and trains new officers today)
2012 - Paul Hennan killed by MPD (also on S Baldwin)
2006 - Victor Montero-Diaz killed by MPD (also on Willy St)

This is MPD's own de-escalation policy. Read it. Then ask what happened on the street where Corey Ruiz was killed.It says:

"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."

It says MFD personnel should respond to the scene or the subject should be transported to an emergency room.

This is MPD policy. Written down. In their own documents.

Corey Ruiz was on a bicycle. He was chased. He was wrestled to the ground. He was shot three times.

We do not yet know everything that happened on that street. The investigation is ongoing. There are no body cameras to tell us what the officers saw or when they made each decision. But this community has a right to ask in public, on the record, and with an independent office backing the question whether every one of these steps was considered before a man lost his life.

That is not a hostile question. That is the question MPD's own policy demands be answerable. The Office of the Independent Police Monitor has the authority to investigate whether MPD's policies were followed. To examine officer decisions. To compare what happened against what the policy requires. To put findings on the public record.

That is why we are fighting to make sure the OIPM has independence, resources, and the authority to do this work without interference.

MPD wrote these policies. The community is entitled to know whether they were followed. Corey Ruiz deserves that answer. His family deserves that answer. This community deserves that answer.The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel.

Thanks,
Madeline Doon

From: Jess Draws
To: Finance Committee; All Alders; Matthews, Julia; Mayor
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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Dear Members of the Finance Committee, Mayor, and Alders,

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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

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Jess Draws
(920) 428 - 9137 || jessicalyndraws@gmail.com

From: Drilling InTheNameOf
To: Finance Committee
Cc: All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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From: Larissa Duncan
To: Finance Committee; All Alders
Subject: Re: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:29:41 PM

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Dear City of Madison Finance Committee and Common Council members,

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Thank you,
Larissa Duncan
Madison, WI 53704

From: Loren Eadie
To: Finance Committee
Cc: All Alders
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writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor.

From: Finn Enke
To: All Alders
Subject: funding OIPM
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Dear Alders,

I am a Madison resident writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. Madison and the state of WI is experiencing a crisis with untold ramifications. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait.
thank you,
Finn Enke

From: Nan Enstad
To: Finance Committee; All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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Sincerely,
Nan Enstad
1610 Yahara Pl
Madison, WI 53704

From:	Cindi Estey
To:	Finance Committee
Cc:	All Alders; Pritchett, Joann
Subject:	Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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Cindi Estey
9 Farmington Ct
Madison, Wisconsin 53717
608-438-5883

From: Aaron Fisher
To: Finance Committee
Cc: All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM
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My name is Aaron Fisher, I am a Madison resident.
I am writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one.
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From: Evelyn Gildrie-Voyles
To: Finance Committee
Cc: All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM - File 94112 Public Comment
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To the Members of the Finance Committee and City Council

My name is Evy Gildrie-Voyles. I reside at 202 Farley avenue,Madison WI 53705. I am writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. The budget of a city is a moral document. It shows what the city values and who it values. The time to fully fund the OIPM through the normal budgetary process has passed. We are now in a moral emergency and it demands emergency action. We can not wait until 2027 to fully fund the OIPM. Please pass an emergency funding package that reflects this city's obligation to fully investigate the killing of Corey Ruiz and to prepare the OIPM to handle other cases that come its way with the thoroughness and resources they require. I thank you for your consideration.

With Gratitude,

Evy Gildrie-Voyles

202 Farley Avenue

Madison, WI 53705

From: ro grok-gallagher
To: All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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Dear Madison City Alders,

In regards to today's Finance Committee meeting and the city council's policy decisions moving forward: I am a Madison resident writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

Kindly,

Nero Grok-Gallagher

From:	Dani Hall
To:	Finance Committee; All Alders; Lankella, Badri; Verveer, Michael; Vidaver, Regina; Madison, Sabrina; Mayor; O"Brien, Sean; Evers, Tag
Subject:	Emergency Funding for OIPM - File 94112
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To whom it may concern:

I am a longtime Madison resident writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22nd. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation - full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD received $103 million for their operating budget this year - nearly **a quarter** of our city's total operating budget. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice, one that speaks loudly about Madison's priorities. I am asking this committee to make a different one. **This cannot wait until 2027.**

Thank you for your time,

Dani Hall

From: Christopher Todd Hayes-Birchler
To: Finance Committee; All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:28:36 PM

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Hello,

I am a Madison resident living on the city's west side. The recent killing of Corey Ruiz highlights the importance of a fully independent police monitor group. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

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

-Todd Hayes-Birchler

From: h vh
To: All Alders
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To the City of Madison alders,

I am a Madison resident writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM Must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation - full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

Sincerely,
Henry

From: Lila Hoachlander-Hobby
To: Finance Committee; All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:26:09 PM

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Dear Finance Committee of the Madison Common Council,

I am a PhD Student at UW-Madison and Madison resident writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

Sincerely,

Lila Hoachlander-Hobby

149 E. Gilman St.
Apt. 3
Madison, WI 53703

From: Amanda Jane Hoffman
To: Finance Committee; All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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Hello finance committee and alders,

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Amanda Jane Hoffman
(pronouns: she/her or they/them)

From: Kelly Hoppe
To: Finance; All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM-File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:01:12 PM

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Hello-

I'm a Madison resident and taxpayer. I'm writing to express my support for emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor, in light of the killing of Corey Ruiz on July 22nd, 2026 by a Madison Police Officer. MPD receives a budget of $90 million, while OIPM only receives $400,000. This incredible disparity has not gone unnoticed by the community.

Madison citizens and taxpayers deserve answers and accountability from the Madison Police Department. Properly funding the OIPM is the only way to make sure that happens.

Kelly Hoppe
Madison Resident, 53704

From: Helena Huber
To: All Alders; Finance Committee
Subject: OIPM - File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 11:11:07 AM

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I missed this meeting but would like to state my support of the funding detailed below.

I am a Dane County resident writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

Thanks for your time,
Helena Huber

From: Bill Jameson
To: Finance Committee; All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:32:31 PM

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My name is Bill Jameson. I am a Madison resident writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.
It is shameful that in 2026 the Madison Police are still responding with deadly force to a minor situation. The Office of Independent Police Monitor needs funding to address Madison's ongoing Police use of excessive force.

-Bill Jameson

From: J Hack
To: All Alders; Finance Committee
Subject: Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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SIncerely,
Janna

From: Carol Jenkins
To: All Alders; Finance
Subject: police monitoring FUNDING
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:59:35 PM

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To whom it May Concern:

I am asking that there be supplemental funding for the Office of independent police monitoring so they can fully do the job they are tasked to do.

Sincerely,

Carol Jenkins
53714

From: Megan Kennedy
To: Finance Committee; All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:02:35 PM

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From: Katie Kirchgasler
To: All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:12:19 PM

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Dear Madison Alders,

My name is Katie and I am a Madison resident writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22.

The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

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

Thank you sincerely for your service.

Warm regards,

Katie Kirchgasler

From:	lahenning
To:	Finance Committee
Cc:	All Alders
Subject:	Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date:	Tuesday, July 28, 2026 6:02:07 PM
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Good afternoon,

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

I am writing to amplify the demand for emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice. We are asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

Thank you for your time and consideration. In Solidarity,
Lance Henning

From: Jessie Lerner
To: Finance Committee
Cc: All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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Thank you,
Jessie Lerner
Chapman Street

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From: Mikailah Lindberg
To: All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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City of Madison,

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Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

Thank you,

Mikailah Lindberg
608-405-9365

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

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Alders and Finance Committee,

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

Robin

Robin Lisowski
608.213.2652
rlisowski@hotmail.com

From: Jen Lynch
To: Finance
Cc: All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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Council Members,

I am a Madison resident writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

Thank you for your service to this city, you have so much power to make it better. Please do so.

Respectfully,

Jen Lynch
Madison, WI

From: Michelle Martin Bill Jameson
To: All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:27:18 PM

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I live just two streets away from where Cory Ruiz was shot and killed by the MPD. The number of officer related shooting deaths is unacceptable. We need to use this moment to begin the change that is needed to make Madison truly safe for everyone.

Sincerely,
Michelle Martin
1332 Spaight St

From: Rachel Martin
To: Finance Committee; All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM - File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:53:52 PM

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Dear City of Madison Alders and Finance Committee:

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Sincerely,

Rachel Martin

4710 Keating Terrace

Madison, WI 53711
608.334.8942

From: Kirsten Martin
To: All Alders
Subject: Independent police monitoring
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:35:50 PM

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My name is Kirsten Martin and I am a Madison resident. I am speaking about the urgent need for emergency funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor.

Corey Ruiz was killed by a Madison police officer five days ago. The OIPM has the authority to conduct an independent investigation but it cannot do that work with $400,000 and one part-time data analyst.

MPD's budget is $90 million. The OIPM receives less than half of one percent of that. MPD has 584 staff. The OIPM has one part-time analyst.

I am asking this committee to act on emergency supplemental funding for the OIPM that covers: full-time investigative staff, a case management system and case manager, legal support independent from the City Attorney, and community outreach capacity.

This is a response to a crisis, not a budget debate. The community cannot wait for the 2027 budget cycle. We need action now."

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From: Maggie Mckichan
To: All Alders; Finance Committee
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Billie (Maggie) Mckichan
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From: Sara Meredith
To: All Alders; Finance Committee
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:18:55 PM

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Many of you have already heard from me about this but I just want to reiterate I am a Madison resident writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

Sara Meredith
Communication Print Collective Mgr/ Operations team, Artist Smere Tactics
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From: Kira Milanich
To: All Alders
Subject: Fwd: Emergency funding for OIPM-file 94112 public comment
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Subject: Emergency funding for OIPM-file 94112 public comment
To: <financecommittee@cityofmadison.com>

I am a Madison resident writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027. If we truly want to live up to Madison's reputation as a progressive city, we need a fully funded, fully independent OIPM.

Sincerely,
Kira Milanich

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

I am a Madison resident writing to strongly urge the passage of emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor.

Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full and thorough, independent investigation, including full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration,

-Emily Mills

1021 Melvin Ct. Madison WI 53704

From: Ashley Mitchell
To: All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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From:	Sam Nesovanovic
To:	Finance Committee; All Alders
Cc:	Lankella, Badri; Verveer, Michael; Vidaver, Regina; Madison, Sabrina; Mayor; O"Brien, Sean; Evers, Tag
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Hello,

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

Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM *must* have the resources it needs to properly conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel.

MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives just $400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027; the community deserves accountability and transparency today.

Thank you,
-Sam Nesovanovic-Levy

From:	James Otting
To:	Finance Committee; All Alders
Subject:	Public comment on File 94112 regarding emergency funding for OIPM
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Dear Finance Committee Members and Alders,

I'm a Madison resident who lives a half mile from where Corey Ruiz was shot and killed by MPD. I'm writing today to urge the city to immediately provide funding and staffing for the OIPM to a level allowing it to properly and immediately investigate this shooting and other reports of potential police misconduct. Additionally, we must immediately fund and require the full time use of body-worn cameras for all officers.

If there are not sufficient available funds for this, then I suggest the police department have all funding for lethal weapons, ammo, and associated equipment immediately withdrawn, and require them to begin auctioning off such weapons in order to fund both the OIPM and body cameras. I say this not in jest, but to ask you to seriously consider this if you otherwise cannot fund these essential safeguards against police misconduct.

Guns (like many devices) are dangerous tools, and safe, responsible use of dangerous tools requires the proper safety equipment, training, and procedures. We'd never suggest to someone that they buy a motorcycle first, and only get the helmet, rider training, and insurance AFTER they can afford it... no, we'd insist that no one should be allowed to operate a motorcycle without FIRST obtaining training and safety equipment, and if they can't afford the latter, then they have no right to the former.

I firmly believe arming the police is a similar situation, just writ large... armed officers are a potential danger to everyone they come in contact with. To ensure that danger is mitigated, body-worn cameras, INDEPENDENT, well-funded investigation of misconduct, and maximal transparency around training and procedure are essential for the safety of the community the police are meant to protect. If we cannot afford the safeguards necessary to ensure responsible policing, especially when it comes to the use of deadly force, then we shouldn't be funding the ability to DEPLOY that deadly force.

Thank you for your time,
--James Otting

From: Jacob Palmer
To: Finance Committee; All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM - File 94112 Public Comment
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Hello,

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

The people of Madison demand justice for Corey Ruiz. Making the investigation into his death a half measure would show a concerning lack of care for the issue at hand. The OIPM must be given the resources to conduct a full independent investigation with full-time investigators, a case management system, and legal counsel. This funding cannot wait until the 2027 budget.

Regards,

Jake Palmer
Madison Community Member

From: genevieve parmentier
To: financecommitte@cityofmadison.com; All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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Hello,

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

A fellow citizen, Corey Ruiz, was senselessly killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice that reflects poorly on the City of Madison. I am asking this committee to make a courageous and better choice. This cannot wait until 2027.

Sincerely,

Genevieve Parmentier
218 Dunning St
Madison, WI 53704

From: Jenny Pressman
To: Finance Committee
Cc: All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:05:05 PM

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

I am a resident of the near east side of Madison writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22 just blocks from my house. I have been at the intersection of Williamson and Baldwin Streets every day since last Wednesday, bearing witness to and joining in the pain, grief, anger, and determination of our community to make needed changes, changes our city could have made over a decade ago when Tony Robinson was also killed by an MPD officer blocks from my house.

The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

Thank you,

Jenny Pressman

1133 Rutledge St.

From: Alicia Ramirez
To: All Alders
Subject: Emergency funding for OIPM file 94112 public comment
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Thank you,

Alicia Ramirez

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From: Michi Regier
To: Finance Committee; All Alders; Mayor
Subject: Public comments - 94112 Council meeting 7/27/26
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My name is Michelle Regier and I am a homeowner at 1211 Spaight St.
I am speaking about the urgent need for funding for the Office of the Independent monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed on a Madison street five days ago. The OIPM has the authority to conduct an independent investigation, but has no disciplinary power and very little funding. The Finance Committee controls the budget. We are demanding full funding on an ongoing basis for the OIPM. The OIPM needs resources to conduct proper investigations; full time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. While the OIPM receives $400,000, MPD receives $9M. This disparity is a choice. Leaving the OIPM toothless is a choice. I am asking the committee to listen to the community and strengthen the OIPM, and to not wait until 2027 to do so.

Respectfully,
your neighbor
Michelle Regier

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From: Angela Richardson
To: Finance Committee; All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
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Angela Richardson
217 Dunning St, Madison, WI 53704

From: Rachel Rovinsky
To: Finance Committee; All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:19:27 PM

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Dear Finance Committee of the Madison Common Council,

I am a PhD Student at UW-Madison and Madison resident writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

Sincerely,

Rachel Rovinsky

746 W Main St.
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Madison, WI 53715

From: Lael Sheber
To: Finance Committee; All Alders
Subject: Emergency funding for OIPM-file 94112 public comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:10:03 PM

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Thank you,
Lael Sheber

From: Amanda Shubert
To: Finance Committee
Cc: All Alders
Subject: Public comment for 7/27 Finance Committee Meeting
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:13:17 PM

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Dear Finance Committee,

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Amanda Shubert
1221 Jenifer Street
Madison WI 53703

From: Ashleigh Smiley
To: Finance Committee; All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:17:47 PM

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From: Devon Snyder
To: Finance; Finance Committee; All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:29:59 PM

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My name is Devon Snyder and I am a Madison resident and serve on the Police Civilian Oversight Board. I demand the urgent need for emergency funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor.

Corey Ruiz was killed by a Madison police officer five days ago. The OIPM has the authority to conduct an independent investigation but it cannot do that work with $400,000 and one part-time data analyst.

MPD's budget is $90 million. The OIPM receives less than half of one percent of that. MPD has 584 staff. The OIPM has one part-time analyst.

I am asking this committee to act on emergency supplemental funding for the OIPM that covers: full-time investigative staff, a case management system and case manager, legal support independent from the City Attorney, and community outreach capacity.

This is a response to a crisis, not a budget debate. The community cannot wait for the 2027 budget cycle. We need action now.

Thanks,
Devon Snyder

From: Tammy
To: All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:59:46 PM

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Tammy Soderling

From: Emily Sonnemann
To: All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:53:57 PM

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Sincerely,
Emily Sonnemann
Marquette Neighborhood Resident

From: Nancy Sorensen
To: All Alders
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From: estephens17@protonmail.com
To: Finance Committee
Cc: All Alders
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Good afternoon,

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

I am writing to amplify the demand for emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice. We are asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

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

From: David Sterken
To: Finance Committee
Cc: All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:19:23 PM

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David Sterken

From: Shannon T
To: All Alders
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:22:34 PM

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Thank you,

Shannon Tervo

From: Carol & Phil Jenkins & Tietze
To: All Alders; Finance
Subject: Emergency funding for OIPM-file 94112 public comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 3:07:03 PM

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To whom it may concern:

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

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Sincerely,
Philip Tietze
53714

From: TheWilliad@proton.me
To: All Alders; Finance Committee
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:29:23 PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Will Turnbull, Madison

From: Steve Verburg
To: Finance Committee; All Alders
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:32:47 PM

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Members of the Finance Committee:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MPD's budget is $90 million. The OIPM receives less than half of one percent of that. MPD has 584 staff. The OIPM has one part-time analyst.

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

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

Thank you.

Steve Verburg
Wendy Lane
Madison, Wisconsin

From: Jen Voichick
To: All Alders
Subject: Funding OIPM
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 4:30:08 PM

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Please give the OPIM the funding needed to do a thorough investigation of the death of Corey Ruiz. The $400,000 is not enough of an annual amount to cover cases like this one.
Thank you for your consideration
Jennifer Voichick

From: Zachary Shea
To: All Alders; inancecommittee@cityofmadison.com
Subject: Emergency Funding for OIPM — File 94112 Public Comment
Date: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:17:37 PM

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I am a Madison resident who lives in the Marquette neighborhood on Clemons Ave, writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor.

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The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

Zach (He/They)
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zachjshea@gmail.com

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

I am a Middleton resident, I work in and have lived in Madison numerous times over the past 10 years. I am writing to demand emergency supplemental funding for the Office of the Independent Police Monitor. Corey Ruiz was killed by an MPD officer on July 22. The OIPM must have the resources to conduct a full independent investigation — full-time investigators, a case management system, and independent legal counsel. MPD receives $90 million. The OIPM receives $400,000. That disparity is a choice. I am asking this committee to make a different one. This cannot wait until 2027.

Thank you kindly for your consideration of this important matter,

~Sydney Zettler