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Subject: Recommendations of the Alder Work Group to Develop Logistics and Operational Details for MPD Independent Civilian Oversight
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Dear Alders and Committee Members,

I am writing to ask you all, especially those who are members of the Finance Committee, Equal Opportunities Committee, Public Safety Review Committee and Common Council Executive Committee, to support the enactment of civilian oversight of Madison police as written by the Alder Work Group. They have fleshed out three civilian oversight board implementation process in an admirably open and inclusive way, building on several years of work by the Ad Hoc Committee.

The proposed oversight structure has been carefully crafted to provide effective and progressive civilian police oversight, helping fulfill a vision of community control of policing. Police representatives were included in the process, with the Ad Hoc Committee was co-Chaired by retired MPD Assistant Chief, Luis Yudice, and MPD executives were present and welcome to participate at each meeting.

I encourage you all to support and work to pass the Alder Work Group's ordinance creating Sections 5.19 and 5.20 of the Madison General Ordinances establishing the Office of the Independent Police Monitor and the Police Civilian Oversight Board as it was written in an open, inclusive and transparent process by the Alder Workgroup to Develop Logistics and Operational Details for MPD Independent Civilian Oversight.

Sincerely,
Angela Witt