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From: Angela Witt <angelakwitt@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 2:11 PM
To: PD PSRC; Veldran, Lisa
Subject: Police Civilian Oversight Board and Independent Monitor

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Dear Members of the Public Safety Review Committee and Common Council Executive Committee,
I write again in support of passing the Civilian Oversight Board and Independent Monitor agenda items before you this coming week as drafted by the Alder Work Group. They've achieved a challenging task fleshing out the implementation process for these items in a transparent and inclusive way, and it's important these items are implemented as drafted by that work group.

These oversight structures are extremely important. Some of Madison's many diverse communities perceive the police department as unresponsive to their needs and not trustworthy. Increased formal civilian oversight that is inclusive of these communities is a direct way to address this challenge. Other recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee that investigated significant time making recommendations for police reform depend in large part on establishing this civilian oversight.

Complaints about a lack of police involvement in developing these recommendations and the proposed civilian oversight structure may fail to acknowledge that the Ad Hoc Committee was co-chaired by a retired MPD Assistant Chief, and MPD officers had an opportunity to attend meetings.

For these reasons, I urge you to support the passage of 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 written by the Alder Workgroup. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Angela Witt



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From: Amelia Royko Maurer <roykomaurer@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 2:34 PM
To: PD PSRC; Veldran, Lisa
Subject: Alder Workgroup Ordinance

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Dear Members of the Common Council, Finance Committee, Equal Opportunities Committee, Public Safety Review Committee and Common Council Executive Committee,

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As the Ad Hoc Committee report stated:

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- Formalized civilian oversight is the most direct way the City can confront this challenge, ensure that the MPD is responsive to the needs and concerns of all segments of the community, and thereby build trust.
- It is our belief that, in a free and democratic society, the policing function must be controlled directly by the people themselves as much as possible.
- To the extent that the community yields some of its freedoms to the authority of a police force in the interest of public safety and harmony, it must have tools to directly oversee the exercise of that police authority; the community must have a strong voice in deciding how it wants to be policed.
- We see almost all of our other recommendations as contingent or dependent on the establishment of a civilian police review body.
- In order to keep the process and the promise of reform ongoing, it is essential that the MPD continue to receive input from those outside the Department, including the public it serves and to which it is ultimately responsible.

The Ad Hoc Committee report echoes a critical finding from Chicago Police Accountability Task Force report, that "real and lasting change is possible only when the people most affected by policing have a voice." The proposed ordinance accomplishes this absolutely essential function.

The proposed oversight structure has been carefully crafted to provide what promises to be one of the most effective and progressive civilian police oversight agencies in the nation, helping fulfill a vision of true community control of policing.

While there have been complaints voiced about the lack of police involvement in this process, the fact remains that the Ad Hoc Committee was co-Chaired by retired MPD Assistant Chief, Luis Yudice who is a strong and devout lobbyist for MPD. MPD executives were present and welcome to participate at every single meeting. Every single MPD officer could have attended at least one meeting and had 5 years to do so. These consecutive processes by the Ad Hoc Committee and Alder Workgroup define inclusivity and transparency which is one big reason why they have survived countless fear-mongering attacks fueled by ego, emotion and misinformation.

I urge you all to continue to be a positive part of this historic effort and 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,
Amelia Royko Maurer

Veldran, Lisa

From: Madeline Rock <maddierock@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 4:57 PM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Subject: MPD Civilian Oversight Board and Independent Monitor

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Dear Members of the Common Council Executive Committee,

It has come to my attention that this week you will be considering legislation to create a Civilian Oversight Board and Independent Monitor to oversee and provide accountability for the Madison Police Department. I urge you to continue to be a positive part of this historic effort and 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 you consider this legislation, I urge you to remember that the people in our community most affected by policing must have their voices heard. Communities of Color, Black communities particularly, must be represented and have meaningful oversight power on this Committee. This direct involvement will ensure that the Police are informed and responsive to the needs of our entire community, especially the needs of those most affected by policing, and will begin to rebuild trust between MPD and community members.

As an educator, I often worry about students' safety as they navigate their teenage years and young adulthood. Fear and mistrust between young Black people and the Police is of particular concern. I want all young people in Madison to grow up in a city where their Police **support them** and **keep them safe** even when they are at their worst, even when they make mistakes. I trust that this is what MPD wants as well, and an effective Civilian Oversight Board and Independent Monitor, as written by the Alder Work Group, will help repair the harm and move us toward this goal.

Thank you for your work,

Madeline Rock

From: DJH Photo <djhphoto@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 5:01 PM
To: PD PSRC; Veldran, Lisa
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Veldran, Lisa

From: Jack Ringhand <jackringhand@gmail.com>
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To: Veldran, Lisa
Subject: Civilian Oversight Board and Independent Monitor Legislation

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Dear Common Council Executive Committee,

In brief: I urge your committee to support the adoption of the final report from the Alder Workgroup to Develop Logistics & Operational Details for Madison Police Department Independent Civilian Oversight, as well as the agenda item to create the Independent Police Monitor position. The argument for this is laid out below.

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Sincerely,

Jack

Veldran, Lisa

From: Robert Newbery <bobnewbery@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 9:02 PM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Subject: The Alder Work Group Proposed Ordinance

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Dear Members of the Common Council Executive Committee,
You no doubt have gotten and will continue to get long and thorough missives covering the issues surrounding policing in great detail, so let me "cut to the chase." The issue most important to me is to listen to people from communities who have been ignored for far too long. That is what the Alder Work Group has done. They have crafted an ordinance that is thoughtful and reasonable. Consider the proposed ordinance but the first step in a long process to return the word "policing" to mean "peaceful protection." Thank you for your work on this challenging issue. Sincerely,
Bob Newbery

Veldran, Lisa

From: Jake Winkler <trappedinink@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 9:45 PM
To: Veldran, Lisa
Subject: civilian oversight of MPD

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The Alder Work Group has proposed an ordinance to address issues with Madison PD in our communities. To address perceptions that MPD is not serving all communities, the relationship between communities and MPD has suffered. To rebuild it and work towards trust, official civilian oversight is needed. In a non-authoritarian state, such oversight is the natural order to ensure that the communities themselves are being served first. Without this oversight as written and without amendment, I do not see how MPD can be seen as a good-faith partner. The people most affected by policing must be at the table.

The Alder Work Group developed the ordinance openly and transparently. MPD was present, invited, and welcome in the process. There should be no need for amendments.

Be on the right side of history. Pass the ordinance creating the Office of the Independent Police Monitor and the Police Civilian Oversight Board (Sections 5.19 and 5.20 of the Madison General Ordinances)

Sincerely,

Jake Winkler