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Statement to Madison Police and Fire Commission regarding Police Chief Candidates
December 14, 2020

My name is Barbie Jackson. On December 9th I spoke to this body on behalf of MOSES and its task forces for Public Safety and for Racial Justice for All Children, but tonight I am speaking to you as an individual.

I want a Police Chief who will lead by example, and dialogue, and concern for all in our beloved community. One who will work hard to understand our challenges and who will work for shared solutions.

I had grave concern for some of the rhetoric used by our past Chief, which divided and inflamed our community: rhetoric such as his call to outrage at the bunch of *quote bad* ones in our community. Our community continues to suffer from this sort of rhetoric and we need to heal together. We need a new Police Chief who will contribute to healing, understanding, and mutual concern for the well-being of all.

I believe liberty is one of our shared rights as human beings. But what is liberty?

- Is it freedom to do whatever we want without regard for others? . . . or as long as we do no harm?
- Does it include an assurance of just treatment, protection from harm, and restoration from harm done through a legacy of injustices?

One might say it's a free country; I have a right to do what I want; to express my freedom - to burn candles at Christmas time or the Festival of Lights, shoot fireworks on New Years Eve, and leave the car running, doors unlocked, a pile of quarters in the ashtray while I run in for coffee.

If my neighbors come by with their little 3-year-old and the little one, eyes shining, reaches for the candle and burns herself on the hot wax - would I call the little child one of the bad ones? *Am* I free to do what I want or should I have put out the candle?

If the neighbor's 13-year-old gives a lighter to his 7-year-old sister, and she sets off the fireworks and injures herself - is the little girl one of the bad ones? How about that 13-year-old boy? *Am* I free to do what I want or do I have a responsibility to prevent this?

What if an unknown 14-year-old sees the quarters in the ashtray and helps herself? Is she one of the bad ones? *Am* I free to do what I want or do I have a responsibility?

If her 15-year-old friend says "let's take the car" and they drive off, wreck it, and sustain injuries, are *they* the *true* bad ones? *Am* I free to do what I want or do I have a responsibility?

It is our shared responsibility to protect and care for our children. But when children make unwise, unsafe, or even illegal choices, it is our shared responsibility as a community to restore them from the injuries they may bring about to themselves or others.

I want a New Police Chief who won't post blogs calling any of our children the *bad* ones. I want a Chief who will love our children - all of our children.

I want a New Police Chief who believes in the beloved community; one who will lead with a vision to help us realize renewal together. It's time for Madison to hire a New Police Chief who will help us change our community, to help make it a place where all people are respected and protected and able to thrive.

Thank you.