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Good morning,

Please find attached a Facebook posting to the Community Response Team-Madison, Wi. page, authored by Greg Gelembiuk, with whom I'm sure you are all acquainted. I wanted to make you aware of the continuing disgruntled and hyperbolic tone and tenor of Gelembiuk's most recent public postings wherein he continues to incite and recruit others in his circle to contact your committee based on his long-standing anti-police stances, fringe views and opinions. Such dissemination's by Gelembiuk are transparently obstructionist in an obvious effort to slow or stymie the progress of common sense measures such as the important implementation of a body worn camera program and the ability of police to deploy chemical agents under appropriately authorized circumstances. As a long-time resident of Madison who is concerned with baseline public safety for all community members and the police officers who serve them, I strongly encourage each of you to not be deterred by the ploy of Gelembiuk and others, to make it appear, simply by the numbers of people they convince to contact you, that they represent the views of the community at large. That is simply not the case.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

John Summers
Madison, Wisconsin

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Greg Gelembiuk is with **Kitty Bonde** and **61 others**.
15h ·

Action item!!! Wednesday and Thursday.

Do you want to be tear gassed? Do you want to be subjected to mass surveillance? If not, now is a time to speak up!!! You'll want to let the Public Safety Review Committee and the Equal Opportunities Commission know!

At their **Wednesday February 10 meeting, which starts at 5 PM, the Public Safety Review Committee** (PSRC) will deliberate on whether to recommend that the Council accept (1) the Body-Worn Camera Feasibility Review Committee's report, recommending implementation of bodycams in Madison, and (2) MPD's report on tear gas and alternatives to tear gas, which basically recommends continued use of tear gas.

On the PSRC meeting agenda, the tear gas report is #7 and the bodycam report is #8.

Agenda: https://madison.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=A&ID=813644&GUID=66CC9BB5-35F9-49F2-A3AF-954285F136BD

Registration link to provide public comment is here:

https://www.cityofmadison.com/clerk/meeting-schedule/virtual-meetings/register?meeting-id=51336

You can also e-mail the PSRC at PDPSRC@cityofmadison.com

The Bodycam report will go before the **Equal Opportunities Commission on Thursday February 11, at their 5 PM meeting**:

https://madison.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=838864&GUID=D3E69133-7F33-4E7F-97C7-EC3952DB6AFB&Options=&Search=

Tentatively, it appears to be agenda item #3, though an official agenda hasn't yet been posted for the meeting.

You can e-mail the EOC at eoc@cityofmadison.com

1. Bodycam Committee report

Here is the Bodycam Committee report: https://madison.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=9092035&GUID=548CC1B5-D8C1-46C2-B582-499EC8D6208B

Here is a letter I wrote critiquing the report: https://madison.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=9107940&GUID=F35ADBF4-9862-43A3-9463-1A7D7670755A

Here is a letter, apparently written by Bodycam Committee cochair Keith Findley and signed by the remaining Bodycam Committee members, slamming me: https://madison.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=9144644&GUID=50EB9F48-45FC-4E97-A1DB-182AF0C2A93C

Their letter seems to me a pretty feeble protest. It appears to mostly be an ad hominem attack on me – not really talking about the substance of my letter.

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Here are prior CRT posts and a few other links, providing more information on bodycams:

Michelle Alexander on bodycams

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1709951672589807/permalink/2732500090334955/

Matthew Braunginn on bodycams – Madison 365

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1709951672589807/permalink/2732828420302122/

Why body cameras for police are a bad idea

https://www.canadianlawyermag.com/news/opinion/why-body-cameras-for-police-are-a-bad-idea/333449?fbclid=IwAR1dTq6TH8BvdAzuGWz4DJ1yfGTurpCWmjRgvJ4qSN4uyKn5fwN0A1593aI

Bodycams and Overcriminalization

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1709951672589807/permalink/2733449436906687/

Cops as Cinematographers – staging video

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1709951672589807/permalink/2731910260393938/

Do Body Cams Give Police an Unintended Break?

https://anderson-review.ucla.edu/body-cams/?fbclid=IwAR3KozFyLbQ5RXIIy3oYdGjk1IeTU7rVV_4J6YbUvXP7b4HM7r8zXbMH0bY

Police body cam videos can underplay officer brutality

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1709951672589807/permalink/2720033204914977/

Perceptual biases of bodycam video

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1709951672589807/permalink/2654305568154408

2. Tear Gas Report

This year the American Thoracic Society - the medical society of doctors that work on lung and breathing issues - called for a moratorium on tear gas use. Pulmonary doctors recognize that tear gas can cause serious long and short term damage, and its use is completely irresponsible during the Covid epidemic.

Statement: "*Tear Gas Use During COVID-19 Pandemic Irresponsible; Moratorium Needed, Says American Thoracic Society*"

https://www.thoracic.org/about/newsroom/press-releases/journal/2020/tear-gas-use-during-covid-19-pandemic-irresponsible-moratorium-needed,-says-american-thoracic-society.php

Of course, MPD said "We want to keep using tear gas".

The Madison Common Council passed a resolution calling for MPD to produce a report on tear gas and alternatives to tear gas. The Council resolution stated.

"*upon receiving this study from the Madison Police Department, the Madison Common Council will review the findings, with careful attention on available de-escalation*

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Council will review the findings, with careful attention on available de-escalation alternatives, and use this information to determine whether to ban tear gas and if so, will determine an appropriate timeline."

Of course MPD produced a report which says that MPD use of tear gas is fine and that, for crowd control, "Other strategies are much more likely to result in injury and additional confrontation" - a false frame. If you have MPD write a report on whether it should be able to tear gas residents, what else would you expect? At the Common Council meeting last week, one member of the public noted, it's like asking a domestic abuser to write a report about whether they commit abuse. That's a pretty apt analogy.

Here's the MPD report: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lLJ0BvuX9emLO6U10ad0oUfUiA3sAuSn/view?usp=sharing

Here's the resolution the Council passed, asking for that report. It was initially an attempt to ban tear gas use, but was amended by the Council to just ask for a report from MPD.

https://madison.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=9037451&GUID=A0EAF7B0-6219-416F-9C47-288572DA4772&fbclid=IwAR1h19aPpMaeVx9dstQsCHiBv8Rcw3RQQ11NqBzKf7LDAozLFNY6FYMw_So

And MPD recommends that the Council accept the MPD report (which will require a vote). The report now is going before PSRC, which will give the Council a recommendation on that.

Here's the letter I wrote to the Council about this.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1c07NRwzrGOCIg6NCsBPFt0X1zO7JZ_iC/view?fbclid=IwAR03bGe-26Zw9u-VGSVmMvXl1tZEPBLmjYqMBX1M-vB39ngOxK7p6N9gOWk

So if you want an ordinance banning tear gas use, and think that medical doctors know better than MPD, speak up!

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