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Alderman, 8th District

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Mayor Tom Barrett
City Hall, Room 200

Dear Mayor Barrett,

Due to the announcement of Chief Hegerty's upcoming retirement, it is critical that the City of Milwaukee take appropriate steps to deal with the selection of the new Chief.

Milwaukee is at a crossroads. Crime in this city is beyond what some elected officials care to admit. It is critical that we choose a Chief that is aggressive and one that can land on his or her feet and immediately move this City forward. This new Chief needs to have more than an impressive resume.

Steps need to be taken to make sure that the Fire and Police Commission make the best selection possible. I am particularly concerned that members of the Commission do not have police experience. It is essential that our next Chief have a comprehensive plan and I'm not sure that Commission members with no experience in law enforcement will be able to ask the right questions to discover which candidates can formulate the public safety strategies we need.

To that end, I am calling on you to convene a panel of Chiefs from across the country to be part of the interviewing process. The Commission can certainly help choose a candidate who will work well with the public and City officials. But given the complexity and demands a Police Chief has in running a major department, who better to ascertain the qualities of our next chief than ones currently in that position?

May I further suggest that this panel be headed by Chief Bratton of the LAPD who has a proven track record of success in law enforcement.

I thank you for your consideration of this idea and I hope the search for candidates proceeds timely and smoothly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob".

Bob Donovan
Alderman, 8th District
Chairman, Public Safety Committee