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Williams inquest an exercise in
transparency, justice

**Statement of Alderwoman Milele A. Cogg
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We have said all along, since the death in police custody of Derek Williams, that the only way to restore the public's faith that justice will be done is with complete transparency and a thorough vetting of the facts in full view of the public.

Having personally observed several days' worth of testimony in this week-long inquest, I can unequivocally say it has been a worthwhile endeavor. The public is much more aware of the series of events that led up to Derek Williams's death, and they have seen firsthand as the wheels of justice begin to turn.

But this specific case is still far from over, and Derek Williams's death is only one of a number of cases that constitute a broader federal investigation into the Milwaukee Police Department. It bears repeating that the proceedings of the last week are only the first steps in the march toward justice.

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