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MEDIA ALERT

Council members seek help from U.S. Attorney General on MPD report

A commanding majority of members of the Common Council have asked United States Attorney General Jeff Sessions for help in expediting the initial report of the DOJ Collaborative Reform assessment with the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD).

In a jointly signed letter (**attached**), the Council members have asked Attorney General Sessions for assistance in making public the report of initial findings from the Community Oriented Policing Services of the Department of Justice's Collaborative Reform assessment, which was launched in December 2015.

In part, the letter states: "We respectfully ask that you use your authority to either release this report to the public immediately or that you provide a date certain on which it will be released. Public safety and policing in our city is paramount in importance for our citizens, and for us as elected Common Council members who are sworn to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens."

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The Honorable,
Jeff Sessions, Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In December 2015, Community Oriented Policing Services of the Department of Justice announced a Collaborative Reform assessment with the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD).

According to the DOJ, the goal of Collaborative Reform with the Milwaukee Police Department is to assess, monitor, and assist the MPD, in concert with the community, in the implementation and sustainment of reforms that improve community-oriented policing practices, transparency, professionalism, accountability, and public trust, taking into account national standards, best practices, current and emerging research, and community expectations.

Following the assessment, the COPS Office is to issue a public initial report detailing the findings of the assessment, along with specific recommendations for improvement. We expected the report and findings to be issued in January 2017, and now we are fast approaching March 1.

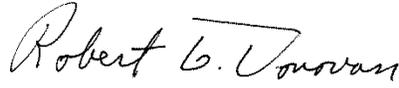
We respectfully ask that you use your authority to either release this report to the public immediately or that you provide a date certain on which it will be released. Public safety and policing in our city is paramount in importance for our citizens, and for us as elected Common Council members who are sworn to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens.

We look forward to your assistance, and we are grateful for your attention to this vital matter.

Respectfully,



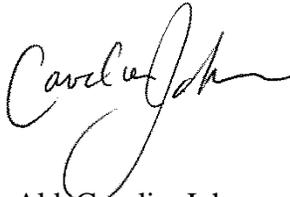
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