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Community Upset About Transfer Of Popular Community Liaison Officer

Alderman Says the Transfer Goes Against Chief's Own Policies

In a letter to Police Chief Nan Hegerty (please see attached), Milwaukee Ald. Bob Donovan asks the chief to reconsider the transfer of Police Officer Mark Dudenhoefer from District 6 to District 3. The alderman wrote that at a time when citizen mistrust of the Police Department seems to be at an all-time high, he is baffled as to why Chief Hegerty would remove an officer who has worked so hard to earn the trust and respect of so many citizens, community groups and elected officials.

Within hours of the transfer announcement, Ald. Donovan started receiving calls from concerned constituents who said Officer Dudenhoefer is an invaluable asset to the community and his reassignment will only hurt their public safety efforts. They are planning a **rally Tuesday, November 21, 2006 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Faye's Family Diner, 2734 W. Forest Home Ave. Ald. Donovan will hold a news conference at 3:00 p.m. at the restaurant. Media coverage is welcome.**

Officer Dudenhoefer has worked in District 6 for 23 years, much of that time as a community liaison officer. Ald. Donovan said the officer is passionate about his job, believes he can make a difference, has been responsible for a decline in violence and has done an excellent job of reaching out to minority and immigrant residents on the south side.

In his letter, Ald. Donovan said the chief has said it's her goal to keep officers in the same areas to build rapport with the people they serve, and this transfer will not sit well with many of his constituents.

"My job is to do what is in the best interest of my constituents and my district, and frankly, this transfer is not in the best interest of the 8th District," said Ald. Donovan.