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**ROBERT G. DONOVAN**

Alderman, 8th District

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Tom Barrett, Mayor  
City Hall, Room 201  
200 E. Wells St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Tom,

You can understand how disappointed I was to learn that Chief Flynn not only spoke at your fundraiser yesterday at the Italian Community Center, but that he was in full uniform as well – a clear violation of Section 312-11 of the city code of ordinances that prohibits police officers from engaging in any political activity while on duty and while in uniform. This was an obvious violation of the law and it put the chief in a precarious and uncomfortable position (I wonder how he will now deal with officers who decide it's OK to shill for candidates while on duty and in uniform?).

Therefore you can imagine how overjoyed I was to learn from Chief Flynn that the money raised at the \$400-per-head fundraiser will be going to charity to benefit the nonprofit Police Officer Support Team (P.O.S.T.), a decision he said he learned of from Pat Curley. I applaud you for this and it is comforting to know that the money will be used to help Milwaukee police officers and their families.

Please let me know the amount you'll be sending to P.O.S.T. and the timing of the donation – I would like very much to be in attendance when you present the check. I believe it is only appropriate that your generous donation be given the public recognition that it so richly deserves. If no check presentation event is planned, please let me know when the check is mailed so I can prepare a "thank you" card on behalf of myself and the Public Safety Committee.

Thank you, Tom, for deciding to turn this potentially damaging situation into something positive for our police officers.

Warmest Regards,

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

Alderman Bob Donovan  
8<sup>th</sup> District