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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **Alderman Alarmed by Mayor's Use of Police Chief at Fundraiser**

In a letter today (see attached) to Mayor Tom Barrett, Ald. Bob Donovan takes issue with the planned participation of Police Chief Edward Flynn in a July 21 \$400 per person Barrett fundraiser at the Italian Community Center.

In the letter, Alderman Donovan said Milwaukee police chiefs and top commanders have traditionally been kept away from politics – to avoid the appearance of conflicts and/or to keep their work free of political influence. In the letter, Alderman Donovan says the mayor is headed in the opposite direction, stating, “But your plan to have Chief Flynn as a participant at your fundraiser veers away from that practice, and, in fact, it may well set a precedent. While we are facing extremely difficult budget times at City Hall – even talking about possible cuts to public safety (police and fire) – you’ll be busy collecting campaign cash with the help of the Chief!”

For interviews and further comment, please contact Alderman Donovan directly at 414.708.2096.

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