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Administration Working on Adopting Public Safety Proposal in Response to Business Petition

Plan calls for private donations, expansion of Operation Impact & beat cops city-wide.

Alderman Bob Donovan's Operation Impact anti-crime initiative has spread. The business community has come together under the coordination of local business owner Omer Hamden to examine how to expand the program city-wide.

"I have sent a letter to Mayor Barrett's office outlining not only a proposal for how to expand Operation Impact, but also listing more than 500+ business owners and managers who have signed a petition that asks for action in resolution of local crime problems," Alderman Donovan said.

The mission statement of the "Partners in Public Safety" (PPS) business association explains that the organization "seeks to maximize the resources available to MPD to fight crime in this community" and advocates filling the hundreds of vacancies in the Milwaukee Police Department. The proposal includes heavy emphasis on providing more beat officers to patrol and offer a presence that thwarts crime in all areas of the city.

In addition to the creative use of available grant dollars and leveraging resources, the proposal suggests that private sector funding will increase with Common Council and Mayoral support of the expanded program.

Attached are the mission statement of the group, the statement of Alderman Bob Donovan related to the program and the proposal mailed to Pat Curley, Chief of Staff for Mayor Barrett.