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PARTNERS IN PUBLIC SAFETY

Mission Statement

Partners in Public Safety (“PPS”) is an association of businesses and individuals who have united to work toward one goal -- making Milwaukee the safest large city in America. PPS believes that improving public safety must be Milwaukee’s top priority. Unless the city’s crime problem is successfully addressed, any efforts to improve other aspects of the community (economic development, education and housing, for example) will ultimately be in vain as businesses and residents continue to flee the city.

Partners in Public Safety wholeheartedly supports the current crime-fighting strategies and efforts of the Milwaukee Police Department. Yet, PPS also takes to heart the police chief’s frequently-made observation that public safety is not a spectator sport. MPD simply does not have the resources it needs to achieve the chief’s goal of substantially reducing crime, fear and disorder.

For these reasons, the members of PPS intend to partner with each other and with MPD to maximize the resources available to MPD to fight crime in this community. PPS will advocate for the funding and deployment of more beat patrol officers (both foot and bike patrols) in neighborhoods throughout Milwaukee, not just the highest-crime or target areas. A greater police presence is needed in many Milwaukee neighborhoods. This enhanced presence -- especially in the form of beat patrols -- will require the filling of hundreds of vacant police officer positions. PPS will strive to ensure that adequate financial resources are available for the filling of these vacancies.

Finally, Partners in Public Safety recognizes that “public safety” includes both police and fire protection. Therefore, PPS will advocate for adequate and appropriate funding for the Milwaukee Fire Department. The department simply cannot endure further staffing cuts and yet still provide top-notch fire protection services.