Statement of Alderman José G. Pérez
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The pending lawsuit against the city by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin with regard to Chapter 370 of the Code of Ordinances (which provides for the creation of women and minority enterprise programs) is a very serious matter for me, because it is an area of great concern to the people I represent.

Although I do not support the lawsuit, I do support many of the goals of the HCCW, and I believe that we can work successfully toward a future that embraces inclusiveness. One of my key goals is to work diligently with my colleagues on the Common Council to find solutions and to make laws that bring all members of our community to the table, so all voices are heard and everyone has a stake and a chance to be included.

Where once I was working as an organizer and activist to bring about change, I now look forward to working internally in city government as a member of the legislative body to bring about those positive changes that will help all of our citizens.

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