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Public Safety Committee to take up FPC appointment confirmation

The Milwaukee Common Council's **Public Safety Committee** on Wednesday will hold a hearing on the appointment of **Marisabel Cabrera** to the **Fire and Police Commission**.

Alderman Terry L. Witkowski, chair of the Public Safety Committee, said that the hearing will begin at **1:30 p.m.** on **Wednesday, July 17** with some remarks from Ms. Cabrera. Residents are invited to attend and participate in the hearing, which will be held in **Room 301-B** at City Hall, **200 E. Wells St.**

Members of the public who wish to speak regarding Ms. Cabrera's appointment must register for the opportunity with the committee clerk at the hearing, and after his or her name is called, each speaker will have three minutes to address comments to the chair. Anyone who would like to pose questions to Ms. Cabrera can submit them in writing. After they are sorted to remove duplicates, the questions will be posed to Ms. Cabrera by **Richard Pfaff, manager of the city's Legislative Reference Bureau**.

Committee members will also have their own opportunities to question the appointee. At the end of the hearing, the committee will vote on whether to recommend confirmation of Ms. Cabrera to the full Common Council.

Cabrera is an immigration attorney based out of Milwaukee who also serves on the Council for the Spanish Speaking Board of Directors, the American Immigration Lawyers Association and Voces de la Frontera. She applied online for a vacant seat on the commission using a new system created through cooperation between Alderman Witkowski, **Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr.**, **Mayor Tom Barrett** and the City Clerk's office.

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Alderman Witkowski said that he hopes residents will be able to attend or view the hearing, which will be televised live on City Channel 25 on Time Warner Cable and U-Verse Channel 99 in the City of Milwaukee. The meeting will also be streamed live on the city's website at www.milwaukee.gov/CityChannelLive.

“The goal of creating an online application process for citizens who want to serve on city boards and commissions was to increase the transparency of and public input into that process,” Alderman Witkowski said. “Ms. Cabrera’s application utilized this new process, and I look forward to even more public input at the hearing.”

Residents can also offer their input about the appointment (and about other city business) by calling or emailing their Council member. Please go to www.milwaukee.gov/commoncouncil to get contact information for Common Council members, or call 414-286-2221.