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City of Milwaukee Common Council

**Statement of Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr.
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I have learned that one of my colleagues on the Common Council, Alderman Jim Bohl, is being investigated by the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office in light of a complaint of alleged misconduct in office. I understand that Alderman Bohl and his staff are cooperating fully with the investigation in order to help the truth of the matter come to light.

These are serious allegations that have been made against Alderman Bohl. My staff, the Common Council and I pride ourselves in the level of professionalism with which we serve the citizens of the City of Milwaukee. Under the rule of law, Alderman Bohl is presumed innocent until proven otherwise, and it is important to let the investigation run its course before jumping to any conclusions.

I want to reassure residents that I believe this to be an isolated matter, and nothing more. It is my belief that the Common Council and its staff will continue to function in a fashion that provides the highest level of service to our constituents and to the city as a whole.