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# Where's the Plan?

*Another weekend of violence leaves two more innocent children wounded*

## Statement from Alderman Bob Donovan

This past weekend bullets were again flying in Milwaukee neighborhoods, and my only question (again!) is this: What is Mayor Barrett offering to stop the deadly violence?

Just a few weeks ago, I sent a letter (**May 20 - attached**) to the mayor, asking that he develop a vision, strategy and plan for public safety in Milwaukee so that citizens might have an inkling of hope that the violence will subside, and that a better, more prosperous future might be just beyond the horizon.

I have yet to receive a response from the mayor.

The mayor's lack of response is – to put it mildly – deeply concerning. Look at it this way: If Milwaukee were a struggling company, the stockholders and members of the board of directors would be sounding the alarm and asking for the chief exec to come forward with a written plan with goals, objectives and a timetable to return the company to profitability. It wouldn't be considered unreasonable, and in fact it would be expected (and demanded!). The same holds true here.

But there is no such plan, and no such response from our mayor.

So, as a member of the city's board of directors, I am again calling on our executive to come forth with a plan – in writing – that I can share with the beleaguered citizens of Milwaukee, laying out how we can stem the daily drumbeat of deadly violence that is making life a living hell in certain city neighborhoods.

Those constituents certainly deserve a plan of action, and the sooner the better.

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