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We've been lulled into complacency – where is the outrage?

As violence skyrockets, Milwaukee now second poorest large U.S. city

**Statement from Alderman Bob Donovan
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Our “nice guy” mayor has now been in office for more than 10 years, and during his sleepy tenure – during which nothing much has happened – the citizens of Milwaukee have apparently been lulled into a state of complacency.

It speaks volumes that all of the neglect, wishful thinking, misdirection and timidity of leadership under the mayor over the past decade has led to this sad state of affairs. Our city now ranks behind only Detroit on the list of the poorest large U.S. cities (*CBS News Moneywatch* – February 18). In addition to that sobering news, I’m counting 20 or more Milwaukee homicides in 2015 so far, and we’re not even two months into the new year.

Where is the plan to turn this around? What steps will the mayor pursue to help raise Milwaukee citizens out of poverty, despair, disorder and violence?

The only proposal the mayor has, sadly, is the streetcar! He honestly believes the streetcar is the key to turning impoverished neighborhoods around. Conveniently he also ignores the fact that as a community, we’ve been debating the streetcar for years, in part because we have so many more pressing needs (especially poverty!).

Time to wake up, Milwaukee, and see what our “nice guy” mayor has (or has not) done for you lately.

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