

## **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

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# **Mayor Barrett, I respectfully disagree**

## **Alderman Donovan calls for all-out curfew**

### **Statement from Alderman Bob Donovan**

**August 15, 2016**

The mayor has announced a strict 10 p.m. curfew for anyone under 18 in the City of Milwaukee.

While I'm not at all interested in piling on to the mayor's already full plate during this period of crisis in Milwaukee, I feel compelled to make it clear that although I support the curfew move, in my mind it simply doesn't go far enough.

During the riots of 1967 a strict curfew for EVERYONE was enforced, and I honestly believe the current unrest and violence is no different. The all-out curfew was needed then (I know, I lived through it!), and it's needed now.

And we need a much firmer hand tonight with the protestors so that order is restored. We have the resources, and the National Guard has been activated by Governor Walker. I believe it's time to deploy and utilize those Guard members and to make the arrests when needed to protect officers and citizens.

Over the years we have allowed far too much leeway with individuals protesting without permits. These individuals are engaged in unlawful assembly and need to disperse or be arrested.

Honestly I cannot in good conscience stand by and say nothing and watch one more night of our officers being pelted by bottles, bricks, and rocks (and possibly shot at with bullets!), and them just standing there taking it. Seriously, how many more nights are we going to allow our officers to be punching bags?

(And now we are hearing that individuals are coming up from Chicago to instigate violence and confrontations with our officers; all the more reason to get a better handle on these protests.)

We cannot be proactive until an all-out curfew is enforced. I sure hope I'm wrong, but the 10 p.m. curfew the mayor just announced does not sound like it will be at all effective.

With all due respect mayor, we should be more proactive because we owe it to our officers and their families.

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