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Statement by Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

With today's announcement that Chief Flynn will soon leave the department, we wanted to express our strong support for the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners as it begins the difficult task of selecting the new chief.

This body, designed over a century ago to be a firewall against political interference in the operation of the fire and police departments, is being called to serve at a difficult moment in this City's history. The authority of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners in this matter is established by state statute and the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances. We support whatever process its membership chooses to pursue.

Among many matters, the community will be watching closely to see if the next chief implements the recommendations of the draft Collaborative Reform Report prepared by the Department of Justice. Only a chief selected in a broadly-based, open, and transparent process – a process lead by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners -- has any hope of addressing these concerns.

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