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Protests throughout Wisconsin must remain peaceful

Statement from members of the Milwaukee Common Council - Alderman Cavalier Johnson, Alderman Nik Kovac, Alderman Robert J. Bauman, Alderwoman JoCasta Zamarripa, Alderman Michael J. Murphy, Alderman Mark Borkowski, Alderman Scott Spiker and Alderman José G. Pérez

We remain inspired by the passion and activism of protestors, and urge them to continue making their voices heard, however, it must be stated again that violence should not occur during these demonstrations. We emphatically condemn all acts of vandalism and assault as they have no place in protests here in Milwaukee or elsewhere across the state. We understand the frustrations that residents are feeling after centuries of systemic racism, however, violence should not beget more violence. Our community and our state must rise together to create long-term institutional change to transform these injustices and create a society where our African-Americans and communities of color have just as much of a chance to thrive as their white neighbors.

We also send our best to Senator Carpenter who thankfully did not suffer more serious injuries after an assault last night. He has been a longtime advocate for Milwaukee in the Senate, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Again, acts of violence or vandalism have no place in our communities. We hope to continue seeing peaceful marches in Milwaukee while we work with the residents to build a better city for everyone in the names of George Floyd, Joel Acevedo, Breonna Taylor, and far too many other African-Americans and people of color who have been killed at the hands of police.