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Thank you for your service Executive Director Aldrete

Joint statement from Alderwoman Nikiya Dodd and Alderman Mark Borkowski

We were disappointed to learn of the announcement by current Fire and Police Commission Executive Director Griselda Aldrete that she had withdrawn from consideration to her reappointment to serve the commission. While her time with the commission was brief, her service needs to be acknowledged.

In less than a full calendar year she has overcome constant challenges on a near daily basis from a number of entities, including the Common Council, to forge ahead with an aggressive agenda. She changed the culture of the office and provided the leadership necessary to accomplish ambitious goals.

Was her tenure perfect? Of course not, but in this very short time frame she proved to be resilient, determined, and incredibly focused while seemingly facing a new challenge every single day! She did this all in the name of serving our community and without much support from the Mayor.

Perhaps most importantly during her tenure, Executive Director Aldrete laid the foundation and made key strides toward compliance with the ACLU settlement agreement. The next FPC leader must continue along this path, the importance of which cannot be underscored enough.

She will provide excellent service to her next employer and it will surely be a loss for the City. We know that she has learned a lot and gave us her best. We wish her well and thank her for this year of excellent work!