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**Police accountability and justice take a step forward
with FPC charges against Officer Mattioli**

Milwaukee Alderwomen urge state action on additional police reform

Alderwomen Nikiya Dodd and Milele A. Coggs applaud the referral of charges by the Fire and Police Commission against Officer Mattioli, while strongly stating there is still much more work to be done on a local and state level. Both Alderwomen are authors of resolutions directing the City to lobby and seek introduction and passage of state legislation ensuring greater accountability and transparency for police officers involved in homicides while on or off duty, as well as supportive of legislation that would mandate officers being investigated for criminal activity be suspended without pay.

“We are pleased that Executive Director Aldrete has referred charges of gross misconduct by Officer Mattioli to the Fire and Police Commission. We now urge them to act swiftly and to ensure justice is upheld. This is the first time the FPC has taken over an internal investigation and we must ensure it will not be the last,” stated Alderwoman Dodd.

Additionally, both Alderwomen have sponsored a resolution that would ask the FPC to take over internal investigations of all officer-involved deaths instead of them being investigated by the Milwaukee Police Department’s Internal Affairs Division. Currently, Wis. Stat. §175.47 mandates officer-involved deaths be referred to a third party when on-duty officers are involved, but permits the Milwaukee Police Department to investigate certain officer-involved deaths that take place while the officer is off-duty. The Alderwomen have proposed that the amendment to state law should require outside investigations of **all** officer-involved deaths.

“The community should have faith that when an officer is involved in any type of homicide, on or off duty, it will be investigated thoroughly and fairly. Right now, the community does not have this trust but yesterday’s announcement is a step in the right direction,” said Alderwoman Coggs.