

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

VICE CHAIR

- Public Safety and Health Committee

MEMBER

- Community & Economic Development Committee
- Licenses Committee
- National League of Cities Community and Economic Development Federal Advocacy Committee
- National League of Cities Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee
- Milwaukee Continuum of Care
- City-County Carjacking and Reckless Driving Task Force



CHANTIA LEWIS
ALDERWOMAN, 9TH DISTRICT

The time is now for police use of force reform

Statement of Alderwoman Chantia Lewis June 16, 2020

At today's Council meeting I introduced for immediate adoption a file that puts the City on record as supporting Wisconsin 2019 Assembly Bill 1012 which relates to police use of force in Wisconsin. I want to thank my colleagues who supported this item as we take strides to reform our police department and make it work for the people.

AB 1012 reforms police use of force policies by making sure police departments prioritize the preservation of life and minimizing the use of force. It also requires each law enforcement agency ensure that its publicly-available policy on the use of force incorporates the following principles: The primary duty of all law enforcement is to preserve the life of all individuals, deadly force is to be used only as the last resort, officers should use skills and tactics that minimize the likelihood that force will become necessary, if officers must use physical force, it should be the least amount of force necessary to safely address the threat, law enforcement officers must take reasonable action to stop or prevent any unreasonable use of force by their colleagues

If you believe in the fundamental elements of reform proposed in this bill, I would urge you to contact your state legislators and ask them to support this item. You can also share your support for these items of reform by contacting the Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee Police Association and Fire and Police Commission who share responsibility for enacting change.

The people of Milwaukee have done an amazing job of making their voices heard, and to continue pushing for change we must make sure all those with influence know the time to act is now!

-30-