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Tom Barrett, Mayor
City of Milwaukee
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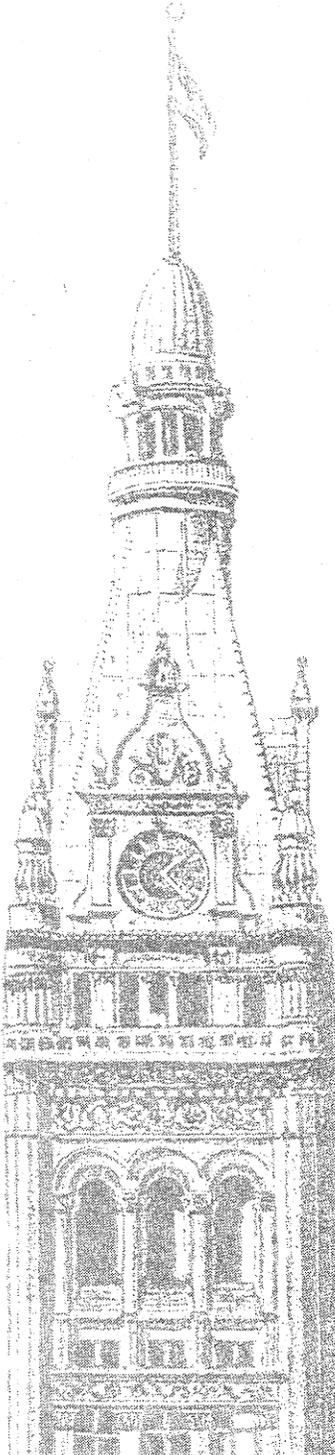
RE: Milwaukee Police Department Personnel Promotions

Dear Mayor Barrett,

Due to recent events that have occurred with the Milwaukee Police Department's personnel, I am requesting that you strongly support a moratorium on promotions within the Milwaukee Police Department until the newly appointed Chief of Police is recommended and approved by the proper governing bodies. With the proposed extension of the Neighborhood Safety Initiative with current personnel, I am convinced that the department has the expertise to continue to deliver services during this short transition.

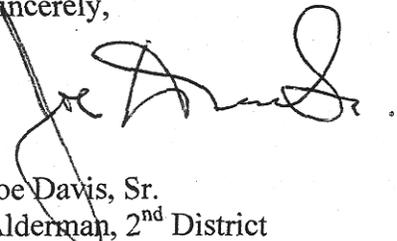
Let me say that I am disappointed with the allegations, in a court of law, concerning a current officer's abuse of power and the past aggression on the department, specifically in the Jude case. As we learn through the news media, and not through the department's professional performance division or the Fire and Police Commission of unprofessional conduct within the Milwaukee Police Department, holding all promotional opportunities would give a new commander the current data and judgment to evaluate personnel on past experience and merit.

I will not support recommendations of promotions from the current Chief due to the fact that she will not be in a position to monitor the candidate's growth within the department. There are numerous lawsuits against the City of Milwaukee concerning the conduct of law enforcement personnel that if successful, will cost the taxpayers millions of dollars. I am hopeful that as this process moves forward, we can retain the integrity and the professional environment that has to be present on the Milwaukee Police Department.



I await your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Davis, Sr.", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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- CC All Members, Common Council
- Chief Nannette Hegerty
- All Members, Fire & Police Commission
- Milwaukee Police Association
- League of Martin
- Grant Langley, City Attorney