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### **FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION'S STATEMENT REGARDING THE THIRD ANNUAL REPORT ON THE COLLINS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

On September 22, 2021, the Crime and Justice Institute (CJI) released its Third Annual Report, which details the City of Milwaukee's progress in implementing the reforms required by the *Collins* Settlement Agreement. As reflected in the report, the Fire and Police Commission (FPC) has continued its concerted efforts to achieve compliance with the settlement agreement and has made significant progress in this respect.

The FPC is now either in compliance or in process toward achieving compliance with respect to all twenty settlement clauses that apply directly to the FPC. For the first time, none of these requirements are deemed non-compliant by CJI.

Additionally, the FPC now has a fully staffed and managed Audit Unit, which is working diligently to address the auditing requirements of the settlement agreement. This unit is instrumental to the FPC's efforts to achieve compliance, but it will also be an invaluable aspect of the FPC's oversight functions moving forward.

While CJI's report recognizes that notable progress has been made, it also reflects that the FPC, the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD), and the City of Milwaukee have more work to do to reach full compliance with the settlement agreement and accomplish the ultimate goal of constitutional policing. The FPC is fully committed to this essential work, as well as to exercising its critical oversight function to support MPD and hold the Department accountable to meet its settlement obligations.

We look forward to building on our momentum and progress in collaboration with all City parties, CJI, and community stakeholders to increase both safety and justice in the City of Milwaukee.

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