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Plan To Curb Violence Includes Panel Of Archbishop, Judge Geske, Maria Monreal Cameron, Bishop Daniels & Dr. Howard Fuller

Task Force is Part of Urgent Four-Point Initiative, Alderman Says

Archbishop Timothy Dolan, Bishop Sedgwick Daniels, Maria Monreal Cameron of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce – Wisconsin, Marquette law professor and former state Supreme Court Justice Janine Geske and Dr. Howard Fuller have given their OK to be part of an ambitious anti-violence initiative being pushed forward by Ald. Robert G. Donovan.

Ald. Donovan, chair of the Common Council's Public Safety Committee, said the Archbishop and the other leaders have agreed to serve on a steering committee that will create a community anti-violence task force that will attempt to identify underlying causes and triggers to deadly violence in Milwaukee and to offer up proposed solutions and strategies for the mayor and Common Council to pursue to help stem the violence.

Also, Ald. Donovan said his anti-violence initiative contains three other major components, including a plan from Police Chief Nannette Hegerty to address public disorder in the city. He said that proposal will be presented by the chief during the Public Safety Committee's meeting next week Thursday (June 8).

"I have pledged my full support to Chief Hegerty to help deliver the resources she'll need to make her plan successful, and I expect several other Council members will do the same," said Ald. Donovan.

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Four-Point Anti-Violence Plan/ADD ONE

Another part of Ald. Donovan's proposal calls on Mayor Tom Barrett to act on a detailed 8-point comprehensive public safety plan he received more than two months ago. The plan – outlining several strategic and budgetary measures designed to improve public safety quickly in city neighborhoods – will be formally introduced tomorrow during the Common Council's regular meeting at City Hall.

The final component of Ald. Donovan's initiative calls on Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke to deploy additional patrols to county parks to protect the public and park users. "I also ask the County Board to honor Sheriff Clarke's requests for these additional resources as we prepare for the summer and the busiest time of year in our beautiful parks," said Ald. Donovan.

Milwaukee saw one its worst stretches of deadly gun violence over the Memorial Day weekend. In all, there were 28 shootings that left four people dead between Friday, May 27 and Monday, May 29.

It is expected that Ald. Donovan's four-point plan will be sent to the Public Safety Committee after it is introduced tomorrow.

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