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Council President Hines Relieves Ald. Donovan Of Chairmanship Duties

Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr. today temporarily relieved Ald. Robert G. Donovan of his duties as chair of the Common Council's Public Safety Committee.

In a two-sentence letter, Ald. Hines informed Ald. Donovan that his chairmanship duties will be restored when he is exonerated of the federal charge that was issued against him yesterday by the U.S. Attorney.

"In light of your recent legal matters, I am temporarily relieving you of your chairmanship duties that you may devote full attention to your personal matters," Ald. Hines states in the letter.

The matter involving Ald. Donovan must not hamper, in any way, the important work facing the Common Council, Ald. Hines said. "The show must go on, and it's my responsibility as Common Council President to ensure that we continue unabated and without further distraction in conducting our business as a council," said Ald. Hines. "Our constituents are expecting the council to continue providing valuable city services and leadership on key city issues, and I'm going to make sure we deliver."

Ald. Robert W. Puente, vice chair of the Public Safety Committee, is now serving as chair of that committee. Ald. Donovan will continue to serve as a member of the Public Safety and the Finance & Personnel committees.

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