

Good afternoon,

I write to you today with grave concerns about the reappointment of Griselda Aldrete as the Executive Director of the Fire and Police Commission. Since her appointment, the FPC and the City of Milwaukee have lost far too many hardworking individuals due to termination or resignation caused by her leadership tactics. To say that she has created a toxic work environment for her staff would be a complete understatement. I find it strange that the complete change in staff since her arrival has not garnered more attention. The employees of this department deserve to have their voices heard. It has come to my attention that Director Aldrete's reasoning for the staffing changes is that she is holding people accountable and they don't like change. I beg to differ. She is not the first "new" executive director that staff has had to work under. Things did not get to this point under any other management. A friend that I have known since childhood is employed by FPC and has always loved her job. She is a smart, strong willed and amazingly resilient woman. She has always been the person that I look to for emotional support because she is the most level headed person I know. Since the arrival of Director Aldrete, she has needed to go out on a mental health leave of absence. She has been so emotionally abused under this management that she felt the need to leave the job that she loves for an extended period of time. This is completely out of her character and the reasoning deserves to be investigated. She is not alone. Quite a few others that loved their jobs have resigned as a result of their unwillingness to be subjected to Director Aldrete's hostile work environment. SHE needs to be held accountable. Please see to it that Director Aldrete is held accountable for what she has done to the mental health of her employees (current and former), accountable for the lack of professionalism and stability in her department and accountable for the poor termination and hiring practices she has displayed. Please do your part to ensure that Griselda Aldrete is NOT reappointed to the position of Executive Director of the Fire and Police Commission. She has caused enough damage. We need someone with experience and pure intentions to come and repair this department, as it is essential to the function of this city.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Deidre Danley