



Fire and Police Commission

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To The Honorable
Common Council
Public Safety Committee

Re: File
Appointment of Michael O'Hear to the Fire and Police Commission

Dear Honorable Members:

We are pleased to recommend Michael O'Hear for appointment to the position of Fire and Police Commissioner. He is well qualified to represent the community in this important position.

Michael O'Hear is a Professor of Law and Associate Dean at Marquette University Law School. His area of expertise is criminal law and criminal procedure. He is a nationally recognized expert on sentencing and federal criminal law. He serves as a member of the Wisconsin Criminal Justice Study Commission and the Programs and Intervention Committee of the Milwaukee County Community Justice Council. He is a resident of the 3rd Aldermanic District.

He will attend the Citizen Police Academy and receive additional familiarization and training on an individual basis from the Fire Department, Police Department, and the City Attorney's Office.

Citizen oversight boards should provide representation through a diverse cross section of the community. Individuals appointed as board members should bring the general views and values of the community to the oversight function and insulate its duties from political influence to the best extent possible. Michael O'Hear brings such qualities to the Fire and Police Commission.

Michael O'Hear possesses a sincere concern for the well-being of our community and is dedicated to serving our city. I request your support in his appointment.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Tobin
Executive Director

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