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Subject: Opposed to Appointment of Burgos

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Dear Common Council,

As a resident of Milwaukee County I am disturbed and ashamed to know that a retired police officer may be appointed to oversee a force that has caused continued distrust and emotional havoc throughout our city. The trauma and detrimental mistakes or repeated patterns colored with vague and non transparent cover ups within MPD has proved that the voice of the people are upset with the leadership the Police should be providing. Instead they offer force, retaliation, and propaganda to sweep the realities away. The Milwaukee Police Association also threatened our city with retaliation when the voice of the people was actually heard, and we fear that the appointment of Burgos to the FPC would be part of the retaliated design.

Because Milwaukee has an FPC, which for the time being remains the only option of regular citizens overseeing the police, we must at least keep it that way. This means all positions filled on the FPC cannot have direct links to the police department, to keep it as honest and transparent as possible.

The FpC in Milwaukee is our only option at Community Oversight. Please don't deny the people of the one little safe haven we deserve to have.

Thank you,

Jacqueline Bogenberger

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From: aalarson316
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Dear Common Council Members,

Tomorrow morning, you will be voting to confirm Ruben Burgos, who retired from the Milwaukee Police Department after more than 30 years, to the Fire and Police Commission.

This is a direct conflict of interest, as the Fire and Police Commission is our civilian police oversight committee, powers granted to the Commission by the City's charter.

In addition, this is yet another attempt at a power grab, to undermine the Commission which oversees the Milwaukee Police Department, which has recently passed significant reforms. Reforms the Milwaukee Police Association has been very publicly against.

- When chokeholds became banned in May of 2021, the now-former President of the MPA openly threatened those who advocated for that reform in the media.
- When no-knock warrants were banned in November of 2021, the MPA put out a dog-whistle filled press release about crime "spilling out of the City", as a result of this change.
- In our State legislature, there has been a push to give the MPA an automatic appointee to the Fire and Police Commission. Our Governor vetoed this proposal in March of 2022.

In summary, it is because of all of these events, that this appointment must not go through tomorrow.

Please attach this email, and its attachments, to the legislative file, #220455.

Thank you for your time,

Alex Larson

Gov. Tony Evers vetoes bill that would overhaul Milwaukee and Madison's fire and police commissions



Drake Bentley

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

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Gov. Tony Evers vetoed legislation Thursday that would have changed the membership and duties of the Milwaukee and Madison fire and police commissions.

Senate Bill 117 arrived on Evers' desk Monday after passing the Senate last year and Assembly in January.

In part, the bill required the Milwaukee and Madison commissions to each have at least one member recommended by the firefighters union and one recommended by the police officers union.

"I'm very disappointed. I'm very frustrated with the FPC in what they did," said Dale Bormann, Jr., president of the Milwaukee Police Association.

"It's very unfortunate that our officers are out on the street and as a last resort, because it's never been done on duty as far as I know in 25 years, as a last resort they should be allowed to use a chokehold to save their own life or somebody else's life if it needs to be."

Bormann said he's always been a big proponent that if someone does use a chokehold that the department or DOJ should investigate it.

He says he's talked with the union's attorneys about their legal options and are looking at "every legal option possible."

"If they feel that we can go after them, I'm going after them. I'm going after the FPC, I'm going after anybody who supported chokehold bans. I have to and I have to do whatever it takes to protect my officers to make sure their careers are not ended if they end up using a chokehold," he said.



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MEDIA RELEASE

November 19, 2021

Fire and Police Commission has more power than the State Legislature

Last night the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission (FPC) voted to an all-out ban on no knock search warrants in Milwaukee. This measure was already taken up in the State Legislature early this year, where it was voted down. In its place a study of no-knock warrants will be conducted. The FPC, all of which have no law enforcement training, even went against the wishes of their newly appointed Police Chief and the SOP he provided. Their move to ban no knock warrants seems to be from a politically charged movement around the country where ONE case, out of thousands, turned questionable in a state hundreds of miles away. The knee jerk reaction shown by the FPC puts our officer's safety in jeopardy. Instead of trained law enforcement personnel choosing the best way to keep everyone safe, the FPC decided to give criminals opportunities to arm themselves and have a shootout with the police.

A Fire and Police Commission is supposed to be made up of commissioners with equal political views. I think we all know that this is not the case in Milwaukee. Milwaukee has literally placed anti police advocates, who have demonstrated for the defunding of police, in control of police policy. How can seven people appointed by one Mayor have the power to implement an SOP against what is standard in State Law. As homicides and violent crime rates spike in our City, the FPC has decided to take even more tools away from the police who are working in increasingly dangerous conditions. What will they think of next? Do they have the power to disarm police and make them nothing more than security? What Milwaukee needs is reform of these overpowering FPC. The power to determine the safety of our community and police should not be a board of seven unelected officials. Rather, that power should fall in the hands of State elected officials who have power to make State Laws. Crime knows no borders and Milwaukee crime is spilling out of the city, affecting communities that have no say in police reform in Milwaukee. The Officers of the Milwaukee Police Association are professional and will continue to reduce crime in Milwaukee, even if it is with one hand tied behind their backs.

Andrew Wagner, President, Milwaukee Police Association

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I am writing due to concerns of appointing Ruben Burgos to the FPC. After 30+ years with MPD, his perspective and affiliation with the MPA are not aligned with many recent reforms passed to strengthen police oversight/accountability and build a more trusting relationship with the community. His duties and membership to the FPC are a conflict of interest and certainly not the voice we are looking for. Please rethink this appointment.

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Thank you.
Jennifer L. Glueckert