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City of Milwaukee Common Council
200 E. Wells St. 2nd Floor
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear President Johnson & Members of the Council:

I am excited to officially recommend LaNelle Ramey for the opportunity to serve as a Commissioner on the City of Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission. LaNelle has been a leader in Milwaukee for many years, and he will bring the pragmatic and community first perspective that the FPC is currently in need of.

LaNelle has served as the Executive Director of MENTOR Greater Milwaukee for nearly the past two years, and during that time I have had the pleasure of serving as the Chair of the board. Over the course of this time, I have witnessed LaNelle's passion for the community and for ensuring that there are equitable systems in place to move our community and youth forward. Having grown up in and worked in Milwaukee for many years in non-profits and in government, he has a unique perspective about what the community needs around public safety and the changes that we need to see in our institutions, including the FPC, to ensure those needs are met in the most equitable manner. LaNelle's passion for this work has shined through consistently as he built Milwaukee Public Schools' Black and Latino Male Achievement Department from scratch and was a founding board member of MENTOR Greater Milwaukee. I cannot say enough about the systems change mindset that LaNelle will bring to the table as evidenced by his past successes. Additionally, he has collaborated with Law Enforcement and understands the role of community organizations and public health in violence prevention through his work on the City of Milwaukee Board of Health.

For these reasons and more, I wholeheartedly recommend LaNelle Ramey for the role of Commissioner on the City of Milwaukee FPC. If you have any questions, I can be reached at _____ or _____. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joe' Mar Hooper
Executive Director