



November 19, 2017

Alderman Robert Donovan
City Hall
200 E. Wells Street
Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Chairman Donovan and Members of the City of Milwaukee's Public Safety and Health Committee:

I had the honor of serving on the Steering Committee for the Blueprint for Peace along with other GMC member businesses, non-profits, and foundations. This process was co-facilitated by the City of Milwaukee Health Department's Office of Violence Prevention and the Prevention Institute. We were excited to play an integral role in partnering with Mayor Tom Barrett and the Office of Violence Protection to develop the Blueprint for Peace, including being one of the host organizations for a community-wide summit titled [Safe MKE](#) to bring awareness to the growing public health issue of violence in Milwaukee.

1,500 individuals, including community residents, key stakeholders, and youth shaped the Blueprint development and input. For the Blueprint to work, the community and the residents must own it. Momentum and urgency never slowed on this issue while providing in-depth research, strategic information and findings and an open and transparent community process.

The Blueprint calls for strategic, aligned, and sustained investments and action to prevent violence, build resilience, and create a safer, healthier city. While the GMC supports and played a role in advancing development of all its goals and strategies, there was particular interest in the area of neighborhood and workforce development especially in the importance on youth employment and the Cure Violence model of violence interruption.

This is a unique opportunity for our community to stand united in an effort to make Milwaukee one of the safest places to live, work, and do business. The Blueprint for Peace is the culmination of a community-wide effort that brought together a diverse group of individuals and organizations, all focused on addressing an issue that impacts everyone either directly or indirectly.

Chairman • Richard A. Meeusen



President • Julia Taylor

The Blueprint is a framework that the city should be proud of. We look forward to working together toward successful solutions in partnership with the Common Council, the community, the Office of Violence Prevention, Mayor Barrett, President Hamilton, Milwaukee Public Schools, and Milwaukee County.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julia Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julia Taylor
President
Greater Milwaukee Committee