

Polanco (Urtiz), Joanna

From: Grice, Amanda
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 10:05 AM
To: Polanco (Urtiz), Joanna
Subject: RE: Oppose appointment of Karin Tyler Director for Milwaukee Department of Community Wellness and Safety

Good Morning Jim,

Sorry for the delay. Can you please add to file.

Amanda

From: Nuntiata Buck <myday1262@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 3:25 PM
Subject: Oppose appointment of Karin Tyler Director for Milwaukee Department of Community Wellness and Safety

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To whom it may concern:

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Respectfully,
Concerned citizen

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From: Grice, Amanda
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 9:54 AM
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From: Taylor, Larresa
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 12:24 PM
To: Spiker, Scott; Polanco (Urtiz), Joanna; Moore, Sharlen; Burgelis, Peter
Subject: Fwd: Appointment of Karen Tyler

My apologies again for not sharing sooner but can this comment be added to the file.
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: LaMarr Love <lamarrlove58@gmail.com>
Date: March 11, 2026 at 7:42:11 PM CDT
To: "Taylor, Larresa" <Larresa.Taylor@milwaukee.gov>, "Oatis-McMiller, Glenda" <Glenda.Oatis-McMiller@milwaukee.gov>, "Moore, Sharlen" <Sharlen.Moore@milwaukee.gov>, "Spiker, Scott" <Scott.Spiker@milwaukee.gov>, "Burgelis, Peter" <Peter.Burgelis@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: Appointment of Karen Tyler

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Good evening, chair and members of the public safety committee

As a concerned member of this community, I would like to know why would Karin Tyler be considered for an appointment as the Director of the Department of Community Wellness and Safety, when she has rarely, if ever, responded to any incidents in our community related to GUN or Domestic Violence, missing children, or any other situations that would require immediate attention in the Community? She has rarely interacted with any victims or the families of any victims of Gun or Domestic Violence? It appears that she is extremely selective when she interacts, and I, along with many others, have never seen her interact or engage in the community. Is she qualified to do so...?, what qualifies her for this position?? There needs to be more transparency and accountability when these people are vetted for these positions that require integrity and commitment to the community and the well-being of the people in it! Does this committee know that there is an ongoing investigation into the activities of the Department of Community Wellness and Karin Tyler's behavior therein? In my honest opinion, Karin Tyler's appointment to this position is unthinkable, and should be reconsidered in light of a more qualified and worthy candidate! Thank you, Respectfully,
Community Advocate!

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From: Moore, Sharlen
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 11:22 AM
To: Polanco (Urtiz), Joanna
Subject: Fw: Opposition to Appointment of Karin Tyler as Director of the Office of Community Wellness and Safety

Joanna, can you please add this email to File #251778 regarding the appointment of Karin Tyler?

Thank you so much,
Sharlen

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From: david Murrell <murrelld720@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 11:15:35 AM
To: Taylor, Larresa <Larresa.Taylor@milwaukee.gov>; aide@2milwaukee.gov <aide@2milwaukee.gov>; Burgelis, Peter <Peter.Burgelis@milwaukee.gov>; Spiker, Scott <Scott.Spiker@milwaukee.gov>; Moore, Sharlen <Sharlen.Moore@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: Opposition to Appointment of Karin Tyler as Director of the Office of Community Wellness and Safety

Dear Members of the Public Safety and Health Committee,

I am writing to respectfully express my opposition to the appointment of Ms. Karin Tyler as the Director of the Office of Community Wellness and Safety.

Last fall, I attended the Town Hall meeting held at North Division High School where Ms. Tyler spoke alongside two out-of-state presenters. As a resident who cares deeply about the success of this office and the safety of our communities, I attended hoping to hear a clear vision, specific goals, and a strategic plan for how the department would move forward.

Unfortunately, I left that meeting with significant concerns. During the discussion, Ms. Tyler did not present a clear plan or measurable goals that would demonstrate how she intends to advance the work of the office. The primary story she shared centered on the tragic loss of her son to gun violence. While I sincerely acknowledge and respect the pain of that experience, it did not provide an explanation of how that lived experience translates into the leadership, policy, or management skills necessary to direct a city department of this scale and importance.

Many people in our community have lived through difficult experiences, but lived experience alone does not automatically qualify someone to lead a major public safety initiative. What this role requires is a strong vision, demonstrated leadership, and a clear strategy for supporting and strengthening violence prevention and intervention efforts across Milwaukee.

While sitting in the audience, I also heard concerns from several individuals who identified themselves as working in organizations that currently do violence interruption and prevention work in our city. At least four of them expressed that they did not believe Ms. Tyler would be a good fit for this position. Hearing that from people who are directly involved in this work further increased my concern.

Milwaukee deserves leadership in this office that brings together community credibility, operational experience, and a clear, actionable plan to reduce violence and support community wellness. Based on what I observed at the Town Hall meeting, I do not believe Ms. Tyler demonstrated those qualities.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to reconsider this appointment and ensure that the Director of the Office of Community Wellness and Safety is someone who can present a clear vision and strong leadership for the important work ahead.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. David M. Murrell