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\*File #251799. Thank you.

On Thu, Jun 11, 2026 at 10:33 AM Amanda Avalos <[avalosmke@gmail.com](mailto:avalosmke@gmail.com)> wrote:

Good morning, members of the Public Safety and Health Committee,

I hope you are all doing well. I'm unable to attend this morning's meeting in person due to work but wanted to attach my testimony to File #251987, a substitute motion modifying Milwaukee Police Department Standard Operating Procedures regarding the duty to intervene, investigate, and report unreasonable uses of force.

I find this amendment simple, and critical, at this moment. Passing this amendment to SOP 460 affirms an essential principle that I've heard communities, FPC and MPD agree on: that no law enforcement officer should be exempt from accountability when using force that is objectively unreasonable and/or violates constitutional rights. This language provides important clarity to our existing policy by making it explicit that MPD personnel have an obligation to intervene and be a formal witness to unreasonable force. It has been made clear that this amendment is necessary.

Milwaukee has made significant progress in strengthening our policies and procedures, this would be an important action step to ensure that our communities, including members of the Milwaukee Police Department, are protected in ways that we can control. This amendment reinforces the City's commitment to public safety and accountability to the people in Milwaukee.

I respectfully request the Public Safety and Health committee and the members of the Common Council to approve the proposed amendment to SOP 460.

Thank you,  
Amanda Avalos