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### **CCC Statement on the Ban of Chokeholds under the MPD Use of Force SOP**

As the mandated body through the Collins et.al. Agreement to monitor, examine, and participate in police reform efforts, the Community Collaborative Commission voted unanimously on March 16<sup>th</sup> in support of a total ban on chokeholds being included in the Milwaukee Police Department Standard Operating Procedure 460: Use of Force policy. In today's climate where tensions continue to rise between law enforcement and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) communities nationwide, this would seem to be more of a prime opportunity to focus on positive police-community relations through the emphasis on increase conflict resolution and de-escalation tactics versus the escalation of aggressive policing maneuvers. This ideological shift could potentially change the growing police-community divide, remove the historically detrimental "us versus them" mentality, and ultimately transform the position of law enforcement from "warriors" preparing for combat to "guardians" protecting the health and safety of all residents, regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, class, etc.