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MILWAUKEE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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MEMO TO: BEVIN BAKER

Infant mortality in Milwaukee has been raised as an issue in the three budgets I have participated in. In budget deliberations, statements have been made that Milwaukee ranked as one of the worst in the nation.

As a member of the Public Safety Committee I have seen infant mortality grants, including positions come before the committee but have not seen any reports on the overall effort. In order for the common council to obtain an understanding of the infant mortality problem in Milwaukee, I would request that your department prepare and submit a report to the Common Council for presentation to the public safety committee.

The report should include the status of the problem and trend in Milwaukee. Milwaukee should also be compared to other cities our size. The report should describe individual city positions working on this matter and the approach used as well as any evaluation of their efforts. It should list the amount of years the position has worked on this problem. The report should further give a description of grant position efforts and any evaluation of their effectiveness.

I will request that this report be submitted with sufficient time for it to be heard at Public Safety Committee prior to the August recess.

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