

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

VICE CHAIR

- Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee

MEMBER

- Finance and Personnel Committee
- Public Safety and Health Committee



JOSÉ G. PÉREZ
ALDERMAN, 12TH DISTRICT

BOARD MEMBER

- Hispanic Elected Local Officials

MEMBER

- Kinnickinnic River Neighborhood Association
- Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Commission
- National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials
- National League of Cities
- Walker's Point Association
- Walker Square Neighborhood Association

October 31, 2019

The Honorable,
Members of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

Honorable Members:

Let me first apologize for not being with you in person due to a previous commitment I could not break. In the question of how best to revise Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 130, you have a very delicate balancing act. On the one hand, the district I represent – and many others throughout Milwaukee – cannot bear the thought of Milwaukee police officers becoming front-line agents of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Agency. On the other hand, I have heard clearly the demand that everything possible be done to apprehend truly dangerous individuals in the interest of protecting public safety.

As you move forward with your review of SOP 130, I urge you to create a system under which requests from the ICE Agency for assistance are carefully reviewed to determine whether those who are the subject of the requests are a clear and present danger and that they are the subject of a judicial warrant. Whatever shape this takes, this should be a clear and verifiable process that, perhaps most importantly, is understood by all affected. To the fullest extent possible, I would ask that you develop this process in public with broad consultation.

Again, I know this is a difficult task. It is, however, very important both to the community and the department that it serves. Thank you for receiving my testimony.

Should you have questions of me, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Respectfully,

José G. Pérez,
Alderman, 12th District