

Ok, well, here are my thoughts. Firstly, Ms. Aldrete lied on her resume about what courses she taught at MATC. When questioned about it she tried to act all indignant like how DARE they insinuate that she did it on purpose! Ok, well, that right there is gaslighting 101. Yeah, of course she did it on purpose, come on. That's shady. She has a lot of experience working within city gov't and advocating for the latinx community, but not really for the African American community. Maybe she's too much of an insider. I can just see all the commissioners being all chummy w MPD. They are supposed to be an OVERSIGHT board. They can be cordial, definitely shouldn't be chummy. Case in point, the whole corrupt mess w Mr. DeVougas. Really messed up that he was able to get a special favor from someone inside MPD for his friend Mr. Haywood to be questioned for a SEXUAL ASSAULT allegation inside Sojourner House. Everything about that is messed up but I keep coming back to how chummy he must be w some inside MPD. Also disturbing that Morales tried to blackmail him to get his 4 year contract which is also all kinds of corrupt. So this is a time in history, ONCE AGAIN, that the African American community and allies are again trying to be heard. They are once again trying to shine a light on the infrastructure of white supremacy that permeates every aspect of America. They are trying to tell you, AGAIN, that they are tired of being overpoliced, racially profiled, used as a revenue stream, killed and ignored. They are trying to tell you, AGAIN, that they DO NOT want half of the city budget to go to MPD and the scraps left over to severely underfund services their communities desperately need. Services such as healthcare, mental healthcare, emotional and financial support, education, housing subsidies, jobs programs, infrastructure, DPW and DNS, etc, etc, etc. When I read about the community meeting on last year's budget I wanted to punch Barrett in his smug, patronizing, condescending face. The community was ignored again. I'm ashamed to say I live in Milwaukee, we are one of, if not the most, racist, segregated, fucked up cities in America. The people in city gov't must be held accountable, shit needs to change. Willit? Some are trying, but obviously many are pessimistic, including me. Do I think Ms. Aldrete is a good fit for these times? No, I do not. Why is there not at least ONE person on the FPC that has lost a loved one to MPD violence, racism and negligence. If I'm wrong about this I apologize but I haven't heard any commissioners speak to this. That's all, I'm going to try to write another email for the other position. My demographics are: I'm white, a single mother, my three kids are mixed black/white, I live on 6th and Wright. Thank you, Pam Halfmann