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To the Honorable  
Finance and Personnel Committee  
Common Council  
City of Milwaukee

Dear Committee Members:

We respectfully request an extension of one of the two Republican National Convention (RNC) Battalion Chief's position authority, through September 30, 2024. This extension is vital for the smooth wrap-up, compliance, and successful finalization of the grant, aligning with the financial and operational objectives outlined in the original grant application.

The RNC grant (15PBJA-24-GG-00027-PNCX) allows for the reimbursement of the Battalion Chief position until September 30, 2024, provided that the position authority can be extended until then. Currently, it is set to expire for both Battalion Chiefs on August 2, 2024. Extending this authority is crucial for several reasons:


- The RNC Battalion Chief is critical in coordinating the wrap-up of resources and personnel used during the RNC. Ensuring a smooth and efficient wrap-up process requires this position's continued oversight and leadership.
- Post-event activities, including thorough audit preparation and compliance processes, are overseen by the RNC Battalion Chief, whose role is essential in ensuring that all expenditures, tracking, documentation, and inventory management comply with the grant's requirements and federal guidelines, thereby maintaining the grant's integrity.
- Completing the extensive documentation and reporting required to finalize the grant necessitates the expertise and continuity of the RNC Battalion Chief. This position ensures that all necessary information is accurately compiled and submitted on time.

If this request is approved, the following change is needed in the Positions Ordinance:

*In the Fire Department, Operations Bureau, under footnote (R), which is currently assigned to two positions of Battalion Chief, Fire, revise to one position of Battalion Chief, Fire and revise footnote (R) to read as follows:*

*(R) Position authority to expire September 30, 2024.*

Sincerely,



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Chief