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

Dear Committee Members:

Since the 2024 Republican National Convention (RNC) will be held in Milwaukee, I plan on temporarily assigning two Battalion Chiefs, who will be working only on functions related to the RNC, in the near future.

Until the RNC Grant is set up, the department will have to absorb the cost of these additional Battalion Chief positions. Once the federal security grant is approved, we request retroactive reimbursement for the Battalion Chiefs assigned to RNC duties. Currently, the department will also be absorbing the backfill costs for the Battalion Chiefs, who had been assigned to field battalions on 24-hour shifts.

We are therefore requesting that two Battalion Chief, Fire positions be created, in the Operations Division, to specifically work on functions related to the RNC. A job description for the positions is enclosed. If this request is approved, the following change is needed in the Positions Ordinance:

*In the Fire Department, Operations Bureau, add two positions of "Battalion Chief, Fire."*

Sincerely,

AARON LIPSKI  
Chief

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Enclosure  
Budget\Creation of RNC Battalion Chief Position 0922