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Item: 3. 210135 Communication relating to public comments on the allocation and distribution of ARPA funds.

eComment: The City of Milwaukee's ARPA funds should be used to pilot and lift-up participatory budget (PB) models, similar to those that are already in use across the country and across the globe. This will only serve to enhance relationship-building, create transparency between residents and the electeds who represent them. Our neighborhoods' residents voices know best what improvements their communities and districts need and they should be integral to the process. Not one (1$) dollar should be granted toward enhancing the Milwaukee Police Department. Community safety comes from investment in long-term housing, addressing immediate housing and living needs, alternatives to policing such as mental health funding, infrastructure such as investments in city parks, waste and recycling collection and street maintenance, investment in education and violence prevention programs focused on restorative and transformative justice and more that focus on whole-city health. Now is the time to move on new ways to address the inequities in the City of MKE and build an inclusive democracy. I support the LiberateMKE coalition's work and their specific demands on PB. Resident of District 3

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