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Subject: Request for discussion of LWVMC FPC-related recommendations
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Dear Messrs. Fallone and Todd:

We're writing to request a small-group discussion with the two of you about some of the key recommendations in the League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County (LWVMC) report on the FPC that you received last Fall. We greatly appreciate the opportunity you provided to present some of our recommendations and engage in some Q&A with you in December but seek more discussion.

As we hope you know, our overall goals regarding the FPC are to strengthen the institution, particularly the policy making powers with respect to the MPD. We admire the things that you have been able to accomplish since the two of you have come onboard. But we also think more can and should be done to ensure the vitality of the FPC, long-term. (As you know, our focus is on policing, but we recognize the FPC has significant other responsibilities.)

To that end, we would like to discuss these recommendations in our report:

- Board development of regular strategic plans (Recommendation V.B.2.a)
- Regular audits (beyond those required by the Collins settlement) that inform policy making (Recommendations V.G.1.a and V.B.2.c)
- Creation of a diversity and inclusion plan (Recommendation V.H)
- Time permitting, Commissioner training (Recommendation V.D.2)
- Time permitting, overhaul of the website (Recommendation V.L.2)

In connection with these and other recommendations, we also would like to remind you that our report urges City authorities to work together to ensure that FPC staffing and budget are sufficient to undertake the FPC's numerous and complex responsibilities. (Recommendation V.M.2) The LWVMC is willing to speak with Common Council members and the Mayor to support staff and budget increases.

Please let us know if we are able to meet and, if so, provide some potential dates and times. If the discussion we propose is not possible but you have other ideas for LWVMC engagement with the FPC -- such as meeting on the above and possibly other items with one or more committees -- we would welcome your suggestions.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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