

February 13, 2013

To the Honorable, Members of the Public Safety Committee:

I am proud to nominate Ms. Anna Wilson for a position on the City of Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission.

I am grateful to the Committee for scheduling the appointment and for holding the January 24, 2103 public hearing.

I appreciate the diligence of the Committee and I respect the Council members and citizens who have asked for additional community input into the vetting process of future and potential members of the Fire and Police Commission.

To that end, City of Milwaukee residents who are interested in serving on the Fire and Police Commission, or any City Board and Commission, will soon be able to submit their intent and resumes electronically so that my office and the City Clerk's office can directly access the information in a timely fashion. I want to thank members of the Council and the City Clerk's office staff for working with my staff in launching this effort.

It's also important to note that Ms. Wilson continues to meet with citizens and community organizations. In addition to the January 24, public hearing, Ms. Wilson met on January 11, 2013 with a group of eight ministers brought together by Bishop C.H. McClelland and CEO of the Milwaukee Urban League, Mr. Ralph Hollmon. On Wednesday, January 30, 2013, Ms. Wilson attended a neighborhood town hall meeting hosted by Alderwoman Milele Coggs. On Tuesday, February 19, 2013, Ms. Wilson will attend a neighborhood meeting at the Riverside Urban Ecology Center and on Saturday, February 23, 2013, Ms. Wilson will attend a community forum- hosted by Pastors United at Jerusalem Baptist Church, 2505 W. Cornell. Including the Public Safety Committee's January 24th hearing, Ms. Wilson will have five community engagements.

I am hopeful that the new City web applications will generate larger pools of candidates for the Fire and Police Commission and for all boards and commissions and I am committed to making it work. In addition to Public Safety Committee hearings, I am committed to having future Fire

and Police Commission nominees participate in community and neighborhood meetings and forums.

Once again, on behalf of the citizens of Milwaukee, thank you. I look forward to working with you as future appointments are brought to your attention.

Sincerely,

Tom Barrett

Mayor