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VIA EMAIL

Milwaukee Common Council Member Cavalier Johnson
Milwaukee Common Council Aide Todd Miller

RE: Milwaukee Police and Fire Commission Executive Director position

Dear Common Council Member Johnson and Aide Miller:

With pleasure I write to strongly endorse Griselda Aldrete for the position of Executive Director of the Milwaukee Police and Fire Commission.

I have interacted with Griselda for over five years and observed her work to strengthen the community, develop professionals and future leaders, and promote education and our city. We are very fortunate to have Grisleda's skills, experience, and commitment to betterment in Milwaukee.

In my role as Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, I interact with Griselda in her role as Chief Executive Officer and President of the Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee (HPGM). She leads HPGM's critically important efforts to increase the number of Hispanic students who enroll in, attend and graduate from college and to support those students through programming, student scholarships and other services. With the Hispanic population in Wisconsin exhibiting strong growth both currently and as projected in the future, Grisleda's leadership is pivotal to growing Hispanic leaders and community members in Milwaukee. She has also demonstrated exemplary leadership of HPGM overall with record levels of membership, scholarship fundraising, and community impact.

Through my interactions with Grisleda, I have firsthand knowledge of her role as a well-respected leader in our city. She is originally from Milwaukee with a long record of service here, and both factors contribute to her tight bonds throughout the region and an intimate understanding of how our community operates. She boasts a strong professional network of board members, elected officials, and local leaders and consistently demonstrates an ability to work effectively with and across many sectors in our region. In addition, Grisleda consistently demonstrates her caring, conscientious outlook with an eye to improve the community, which is one of the better predictors of positive outcomes in the context of police and fire community relations. Last, her educational background of executive leadership programs, a law degree, a master's in criminal justice and professional experience teaching criminology for many years provide an ideal mix to lead the Police and Fire Commission.

Having worked with Griselda for the past five years in various community engagements, I give my unqualified, strongest endorsement for her to serve as the Executive Director position of the Milwaukee

Police and Fire Commission. If I can provide further information or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Mone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Mark A. Mone, PhD
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C: City Clerk Jim Owczarski