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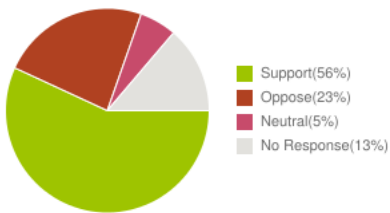
### eComments Report

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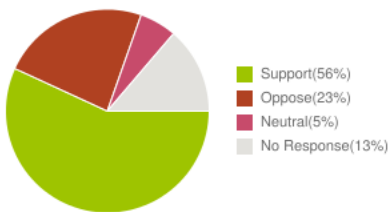
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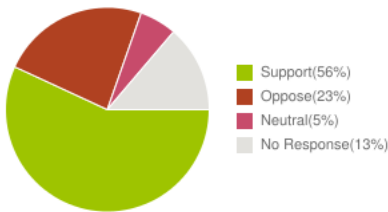
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**Agenda Item: eComments for 13. 201107 Appointment of Amanda Avalos to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners by the Mayor. (14th Aldermanic District)**

**Overall Sentiment**



**Andrea Lozano**

Location:  
Submitted At: 12:29pm 12-08-20

Mayor Barret's nomination is strongly supported by Milwaukeeans, including myself. There is no one better qualified than Amanda Avalos to improve the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. The City of Milwaukee deserves to have the expertise, solidarity, trust, and recognition that Amanda brings to the table.

**Nailah Johnson**

Location:  
Submitted At: 12:29pm 12-08-20

I STRONGLY support Amanda Avalos for the FPC. She is an amazing leader and community member of Milwaukee with great integrity. Her work experience in politics is needed. Her relationship building within the community and care for others would benefit everyone in our city, especially in regards to safety.

**Hannah Pardee**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:29pm 12-08-20

I strongly support Amanda Avalos's appointment to the Fire and Police Commission.

**Nelson Senda**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:28pm 12-08-20

I STRONGLY and ADAMANTLY support Amanda's nomination. She has been a fierce advocate for marginalized communities in the city of Milwaukee for many years. Her stances lean towards social justice and equity for all, which will provide a fresh voice that is surely needed in the FPC. Many communities that rarely if ever feel represented will feel justly so with Amanda's appointment.

Again, I double down my support for Amanda's appointment.

**Matthew Lewis**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:28pm 12-08-20

I strongly support Amanda Avalos's appointment to the Fire and Police Commission.

**Mia Davoodi**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:27pm 12-08-20

I strongly support Amanda Avalos's appointment to the Fire and Police Commission.

**Jocelyn Miller**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:27pm 12-08-20

I strongly support Amanda Avalos' appointment. She is a strong community leader who is deeply dedicated to the City of Milwaukee.

**Dontrell Fells**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:26pm 12-08-20

Amanda is a great pillar of the community, her actions thus far has shown that she is for the betterment of the city and the under represented black and brown folks that live in it. For years her work has shown for itself, and if given this opportunity she will be the greatest member to serve the people.

**Ben Manske**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:26pm 12-08-20

Amanda Avalos has been a strong community leader in our city for years, and she has a truly collaborative and goal-oriented approach to any work she does. I have seen this firsthand in her AmeriCorps work and in her personal attention to the development of people like me. She would work tirelessly for the FPC because she cares about this city and the fair oversight of those meant to protect and serve our communities. Her resume speaks for itself and is demonstrative of her outstanding work ethic and integrity.

**Mia Noel**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:24pm 12-08-20

Amanda Avalos is a person of strong integrity, character, and a demonstrated connection to her community. She would be an excellent addition to a Board plagued by inefficiency and a willful lack of decisive action. I firmly support her appointment and look forward to a complete and functioning board that fulfills its purpose and represents the community and keeps the police in line with their purported goal to serve and protect.

**Eric Mata**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:24pm 12-08-20

Amanda Avalos would bring a great deal of experience and a unique voice to the commission. She would also be a strong voice for the most vulnerable people in the city of Milwaukee

**Shavonda Sisson**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:23pm 12-08-20

I strongly support the appointment of Amanda Avalos appointment!

**Milwaukee Resident**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:20pm 12-08-20

Amanda Avolos is not qualified for this position. In addition, her anti-police views are not welcome in a city already dealing with a record homicide rate this year. I vehemently oppose Amanda Avolos for this position. Any Alderman who votes in support needs to be voted out of office.

**Linda Corbin-Pardee**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:20pm 12-08-20

Amanda Avalos would be an amazing addition to the FPC and exactly who is needed. Her depth of knowledge of and contacts in the community would allow her to bring great perspective and understanding to the position. She is both knowledgeable and also a fresh new voice, which is something desperately needed by our city.

**Angelica Morales**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:17pm 12-08-20

I strongly support Amanda Avalos' nomination to the commission

**Gabe Charles**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:16pm 12-08-20

Amanda is a community advocate and leader. She demonstrates integrity and critical thinking in all she does. She will be a much needed addition to the FPC and is more than qualified to be appointed.

**Lupe Moreno**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:13pm 12-08-20

I STRONGLY support Amanda, she is a great pillar in the community and only continues to get stronger. While my time at Marquette and in my sorority, she was an amazing leader and is a person who truly wants to help Milwaukee and her community. I couldn't have seen a better person. Excited about what Amanda will be able to accomplish!

**Jessica Nelson**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:13pm 12-08-20

I 110% support Amanda Avalos' appointment to the Board of of Fire and Police Commissioners. Amanda deeply cares for the city of Milwaukee and has done amazing work in supporting the citizens. She is a great leader and has the dedication to the safety of Milwaukee residents.

**Sarah Edmondson**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:09pm 12-08-20

I strongly support Amanda Avalos' nomination to the commission. Amanda is a tireless advocate for the people of

Milwaukee and has deep knowledge and experience from her years of community organizing to be successful in this role. She understands the issues facing the city of Milwaukee, because she has been deeply invested in this community, and would bring that voice and experience to better this commission and its work serving our city. The commission will be better to appoint such a dynamic, strong, invested candidate.

**Jessica Mendoza**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:05pm 12-08-20

Amanda is the right person for the job! She sees the issues at hand, and in a position of power, will make the changes necessary to help the community.

**EI Sebas**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:05pm 12-08-20

I strongly support the appointment of Amanda Avalos. They have proven their dedication to the advancement of the Milwaukee community, and their love for the city and its residents. This, alongside their experience, convinces me that they are the right person for this position. Milwaukee needs new, fresh, and bold leadership, which is exactly what we will be getting if Amanda is appointed.

Again, I undoubtedly support the appointment of Amanda Avalos.

**Emily Shelton**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:05pm 12-08-20

Amanda Avalos has a long history of building and fostering spaces of equality in our community. She is dedicated to educating herself on the complicated issues facing our city. She is approachable and adept at advocating for those whose voices need amplifying. Amanda is an excellent addition to the board of police and fire commissioners. I fully support her nomination and look forward to her contributions.

**Branden DuPont**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:02pm 12-08-20

I strongly support Amanda Avalos's appointment to the Fire and Police Commission. From our time serving as Public Allies to the present, I have found her to be an exceptional leader and person of integrity.

**Camila iuscely**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:01pm 12-08-20

Amanda has done work in this community that is and has always been done with the communities heart in mind. They act from a place of love and protecting the community they love. This position was in need of a person like Amanda. We love her and the creativity and re imagining she will bring must be recognized.

**Evan Froiland**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:00pm 12-08-20

I strongly support the appointment of Amanda Avalos appointment! She's a strong and compassionate leader with a real vision for public safety.

**Krystal McCain**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:42am 12-08-20

I strongly support Amanda Avalos appointment! She's exactly the kind of person I would trust to speak truth to power and challenge the status quo. The way things have been going isn't serving us, and it's actively damaging communities of color in our community. Amanda is so intelligent, and she has the experience and knowledge needed to succeed in this area. She's been working tirelessly to improve our community and speak for those who aren't often heard, and I have absolutely no doubt that she would do incredible work on the commission.

### **Milwaukee Resident**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:40am 12-08-20

She is a disaster waiting to happen. Look at her social media posts!! If these alderman and mayor and fpc mber think defunding police is going to solve this city's issues, we need to start protesting at the alderman and fpc members houses. This is ridiculous that she is even an option for the FPC. LOOK AT HER TWITTER!

### **Adriana Rodriguez**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:39am 12-08-20

I am in complete support of Amanda Avalos being appointed to the commission. She has shown nothing but strong and intentional leadership in this city and works tirelessly to ensure access to government at all levels to ALL people. Amanda understands the role of the FPC, and her responsibilities and limitations as a commissioner. Neither she, nor any other commissioner, have the ability to make decisions or vote on the budget, therefore, no one on the FPC can actually defund anything. Amanda is well aware of this. The FPC should not be a one sided table, we need representation that is objective and LISTENS to what Milwaukee residents need and want in order to feel safe in our city, Amanda is committed to doing that. Amanda is smart and knowledgeable, deeply connected to this city and its diverse communities, and perfectly poised to bring about stability the FPC needs. She will make sure to bridge the gap between city hall and Milwaukee communities, to ensure that we are getting some semblance of justice is being had. She is exactly what the FPC needs.

### **Pam Halfmann**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:38am 12-08-20

I support Amanda Avalos for the appointment of FPC Commissioner. I think she will be a strong advocate for those that often don't have a seat at the table. On a related issue, why are comments only open for some resolutions? I oppose accepting the grant for surveillance equipment from the Dept. of Homeland Security. Also what's the point of requiring an equity impact statement if the Dept. just says the same thing every time "there will be no negative impact on equity". Really?! No impact when we know certain communities and events are over policed? Sure, let's bust out our new surveillance equipment!

### **Milwaukee Resident**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:15am 12-08-20

VOTE NO! Amanda Avalos publicly opposes our hard working public heroes! Her Twitter feed is full of her ANTI POLICE BIAS/ POLITICAL AGENDAS to defund/dismantle the public safety system of this city. DIRECT QUOTES from her public Twitter account:

7/23/20 "To be clear our vision of public safety not only doesn't include the feds, it also doesn't include the local/state law enforcement agencies and National Guard currently funded in-house."

6/23/20 commenting on another posters' tweet ('police currently providing why they need to be defunded they do not keep the community safe) Amanda Avalos responds "you don't need to look at the day this was posted to know this is true been true. #DefundTheMPD"

8/24/20 "If today you are in an elected position, use your powers to do some thing about this. City/county/state all has a part. Push policy, ordinances, laws. Do what will get us closer to a world that won't uphold and fund this racist police state."

8/24/20 " it has never been more clear that we need new systems. Collectively we need to reimagine what public safety looks like without police and then fund that. there is no other way."

THIS SHOULD ALARM EVERY CITIZEN OF MILWAUKEE.

### **Richard Langston**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:52am 12-08-20

Milwaukee needs the police, not this anti-police nonsense.

### **Mike Richards**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:48am 12-08-20

Please do not appoint Amanda Avalos the FPC as she clearly has an agenda to defund/abolish the police. It is more than apparent through her social media that she has complete disdain for the police. Why would you want someone that is so clearly against the police to be a member of the FPC? With murders in the City of Milwaukee at an all time high, there should absolutely be no talk of defunding/abolishing police. I already do not feel safe where I live as there was a murder two days ago 6 blocks from my place and appointing Amanda Avalos to the FPC would further erode my feelings of being safe while living in the city.

### **justin sebestyen**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:39am 12-08-20

I strongly oppose the appointment of Amanda Avalos to the fire and police commission. Her obvious hatred for law enforcement precludes her from holding a position on that board. She does not have the experience necessary for such an important position.

### **Ty Hughes**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:34am 12-08-20

How is this even a question? Someone who openly hates law enforcement is going to be the oversight to law enforcement? This shouldn't even be on the table for her being a nominee. Mayor, you should be ashamed that this is the best option the city has to offer the residents. Let us get back to a place where the FPC is respected, neutral and doing what they are there to do. Not push an agenda. She is not qualified and is clearly trying to push HER agenda, not what is best for the city. Make the right choice and do not appoint her. The only people supporting her are likeminded individuals who have worked with her. The public does not want her on the FPC. Let's stay away from nepotism and steer clear of radical thinkers who have nothing more to add than their own biases. Where is the plan to improve the city and police department?

### **Mary Stelter**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:07am 12-08-20

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### **Bobby Smith**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:02am 12-08-20

Please don't appoint Ms Avalos until a complete and thorough screening of her social media (Twitter) she has mentioned repeatedly how she wants to defund the police (her future commission) as well as take the mod out of mps.

### **WE THE PEOPLE**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:59am 12-08-20

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### **Ryan Simmons**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:54am 12-08-20

Since when do we nominate officials who hate and despise on what they're are suppose to represent? This radical nonsense is unacceptable and it will not be tolerated too much longer by the citizens.

### **Dani Marie**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:54am 12-08-20

You should all be ashamed of yourselves. Obviously you do not bother to vet your applicants. Her social media accounts (tweets) are the most racist/discriminatory tweets towards are finest police officers that protect the city. Watch the exodus begin if she is appointed. No one will want to come to the city and it will fall like the others (Detroit, SF, Minn, Portland) Will her complete lack of respect for law enforcement and her narrow minded ability to comprehend the importance of law enforcement in any and all cities she is far from qualified for this position. I hope she never gets car jacked or robbed like Chris Abele. The response time to assist her will be long as it should be!

### **Craig Lind**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:43am 12-08-20

No thanks, immature twitter account signals an immature person

### **Doug Wiorek**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:24am 12-08-20

Never before have I felt the "obligation" to oppose an appointment, but this nomination is wrong he! A Commissioner appointment demands someone who is on-bias, non-partisan and open-minded. By way of social media, it is clear Ms. Avalos has an extreme bias against law enforcement. How can someone so bias be in a position to fairly critique policies and make fair and impartial judgement decisions when the FPC must rule on disciplinary issues. The mayor must do a better job of vetting his nominations. The FPC is not and should never be a platform for an outspoken critic of the Police.

### **Bob James**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:54am 12-04-20

How do you think the performance of the police and fire departments should be measured? How are you going to publicize these performance measures to the community?

Describe your philosophy regarding the proper roles of the police and fire departments in our community, and how you intend to use that philosophy to inform your work with the FPC.

Modern policing philosophy has focused primarily on crime prevention. Do you agree that police should focus primarily on crime prevention?

As an oversight body, it is implied that the members of the body observe the subjects of the oversight. How do you intend to perform observations? Will you yourself physically observe fire and police department activities?

The board of commissioners is tasked with establishing the rules for hiring and assessment. Will you become familiar with the currently utilized assessments to a degree that you can confidently state that the assessments align with the wishes of the board?

### **Resident Of the City**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:08pm 12-03-20

Part of The MPD mission statement pledges to reduce "disorder". Are you comfortable with police being tasked with reducing disorder, and if so, where do you wish to see the limits to the use of police in that role?

### **Kyle Pfister**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:25pm 12-03-20

I've had the privilege of working alongside Amanda Avalos on the Board and staff at Leaders Igniting Transformation. She is a thoughtful and patient leader with an powerful vision for reshaping Milwaukee towards equity. She will be a strong addition to this commission and an effective advocate for change that we critically need right now.



**Mayra Roman**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:19pm 12-03-20

I enthusiastically support the appointment of Amanda Avalos to the Milwaukee Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. I have known Amanda for over ten years since our undergraduate studies at Marquette University. Her passion and commitment to help her community are evident through the many roles she has taken on since graduation. Amanda's appointment will be an extension of her work towards a more equitable and fair process in the City of Milwaukee.

**Greg St. Arnold**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:21pm 12-02-20

According to a June 2020 FPC investigation, then FPC Chair Steven DeVougas violated two provisions of the City's Code of Ethics while representing a suspect in a sexual assault investigation. The investigation found that Mr. DeVougas was "consistently untruthful" regarding the matter, and refused to be interviewed by investigators, despite the fact that all MPD officers supervised by the FPC are legally required to cooperate with any investigation the FPC orders. Mr. DeVougas continues to serve on the FPC. The City Attorney's Office stated that FPC rules do not address (a) commissioner conflicts of interest, or (b) standards of conduct for commissioners, so it was not able to issue judgement on his actions.

For Commissioners, entrusted with the critical duty to watch the watchmen, we must ensure that their commitment to truth is unequivocal, and their ethics beyond reproach - or the trust that is necessary between the FPC, MPD, and the community will be continually undermined.

Therefore, will you commit to (1) supporting the creation of Code of Conduct for Commissioners, and (2) holding fellow Commissioners accountable to following it, and the City's Code of Ethics?

**Lizzy Wolk**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:17am 12-02-20

I unequivocally support Amanda Avalos' nomination for the FPC. I have known Amanda for over 10 years and in all that time there has never been a single day she hasn't put the needs of others before her own. Not only does she live by her convictions but she inspires others to do so as well. If the mission of the FPC is to better the city of Milwaukee and keep its citizens safe, there is no one better to serve on this council. She will fight for Milwaukee tirelessly, but does so with dignity and grace. Both her intentions and her impact are unmatched. She is a true asset and I firmly believe she will make the FPC better.

**Rebecca Stoner**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:09am 12-02-20

I wholeheartedly support Amanda Avalos' appointment to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. She is a strong, smart, compassionate leader and the City of Milwaukee is lucky to have her.

**Katie Robleski**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:52am 12-02-20

I support Amanda Avalos' appointment

**Paul Mozina**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:33am 12-02-20

According to Wisconsin State Statute 62.50 (1m)\_ Policy review. The board shall conduct at least once each year a policy review of all aspects of the operations of the police and fire departments of the city. The board may prescribe general policies and standards for the departments. The board may inspect any property of the departments, including but not limited to books and records, required for a review under this section.

The FPC Board has never conducted a policy review of all aspects of the operations of the police and fire departments, much less done it annually. Are you committed to leading the FPC to fulfill its statutorily mandated obligation to review the policies actually being implemented by the MPD and MFD regardless of whether or not they are codified in a Standard Operating Procedure or Standard Operating Guideline?

**Cassandra Papesh**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:04am 12-01-20

How will your previous experiences as a public defender lend itself into your role as a leader of Fire and Police commissions? And how would you intend to use this role to create positive change, specifically when it comes to policing oversight?