

Lee, Chris

From: Moore, Deborah
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 2:05 PM
To: Lee, Chris
Subject: Please add to file RE: SUPPORT Creation & Funding of Milwaukee Office of Veterans Affairs

Hi Chris,

Can you please add the following email to the Office of Veterans Affairs file.

Thank you.

Deborah

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Keith Streicher <keith.streicher@gmail.com>

> Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 10:00 AM

> To: Moore, Deborah <Deborah.Moore@milwaukee.gov>

> Subject: SUPPORT Creation & Funding of Milwaukee Office of Veterans

> Affairs

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> Good morning,

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> My name is Keith Streicher and I am the current Department Director of Veterans Upward Bound at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. I am a former Assistant Director at the American Legion in Washington, DC; Military Legislative Assistant to US Representative Beto O'Rourke; US Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Board member; and decorated US Army Vet with deployments to the Republic of South Korea and Iraq.

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> The Milwaukee Office of Veterans Affairs is a much needed force multiplier and compliments needed assistance at the county office of Veterans affairs. All of the major US cities/counties have a city and county office of Veterans Affairs. The city of milaukee is home to 80% of enlisted and commissioned personnel joining the armed services so why not support those returning home from active duty with a city office of Veterans Affairs to addrdss the myriad needs and concerns of veterans and their families.

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> Furthermore, it is the city of Milwaukee that needs to confront the housing instability, food insecurity, claims backlog, and education gap of it's Veteran population. This is why a City office is of the utmost importance. We have support from Rick Flowers, Director of the Milwaukee county office of Veterans Affairs, WDVA, and a number of Veterans Serving Organizations inside and outside the state of Wisconsin.

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> Please feel free to contact me via email above if you have any questions or concerns.

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> Thank you,

> Keith

> Sent from my iPhone