

June 15, 2020

The League of Women Voters of Dane County strongly supports approval of the Second Alternate for Item #6 on the agenda of Tuesday's Common Council Executive Committee—Creating MPD Independent Civilian Oversight. The League also urges you to approve the Second Alternate — Creating MPD Independent Civilian Oversight, Item # 33 on the Council agenda for Tuesday, June 16.

Over the last four years, the Council supported the work of the Ad Hoc Police Committee by providing adequate funding for the consultant report on Madison Police Department policies and procedures. Additionally, the Council extended the deadline for the Committee final report when the lack of professional staff support for the committee required the committee members themselves to draft the majority of the report after their research and deliberations were concluded.

These additional resources and time were necessary in order to ensure a quality report that could guide Madison in development of the critical process of civilian police oversight.

Now, after four years of effort, it is again necessary to accommodate a brief delay in order to ensure that the process is inclusive, effective, and fair. The League appreciates the time commitment by the alders who have volunteered to do this necessary work.

We strongly urge all Council members to support the Second Alternate — Creating MPD Independent Civilian Oversight.

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