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Madison Police & Fire Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for recently releasing a public consultation process for public input into the hiring of Madison's new police chief. I appreciate the difficulty the pandemic poses as you seek public consultation and I appreciate that you are pursuing multiple methods of community input.

However, I remain concerned that it has been 10 months since Chief Koval retired. Particularly in this transformative historic time, our community needs a permanent, community-vetted police chief to take us into a new era of public safety design and implementation.

City staff from multiple departments, including administrative support and IT, remain at your disposal to help facilitate remote meetings, conduct public engagement, assist with the consultant contract, and conduct the search. In short, you should have all the resources you need to conduct a robust and transparent process in short order.

I ask that you plan to have a decision on the next chief within 90 days so this community can move forward. I hope at your next meeting on Monday July 13th you will release a calendar and list of resources needed to accomplish this goal.

Thank you for your service in this difficult time. Please don't hesitate to call on me, my staff, or anyone in City government for assistance in this critically important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Satya", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway

Cc: Jenna Rousseau, PFC Attorney
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