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City of Milwaukee Common Council

New appointments to Community Collaborative Commission

Statement of Common Council President Cavalier Johnson June 10, 2020

I am proud to announce my appointments to the Community Collaborative Commission (CCC), a body created to provide a forum for and solicit community input regarding policing and law enforcement policies, procedures, and practices in Milwaukee. In particular, this commission will focus on the treatment of members of minority, LGBTQ, disability, and other historically underserved and underrepresented communities.

During this critical and timely moment in history, these appointments are essential to helping move Milwaukee forward and to building critical trust in the community.

My appointments are:

- **Deborah Clements Blanks**, Ph. D - Partner, Kairo Communications, LLP
- **Nathaniel Hamilton** - Co-Founder, Coalition For Justice
- **Pamela J. Malone**, Ph.D. – Milwaukee Area Technical College, Professor
- **Damien K. Smith** – Youth Program Manager, Safe and Sound

The CCC's responsibilities include:

- Seek community input on Police Department operations to improve trust between law enforcement and city residents
- Conduct an annual survey of Milwaukee residents belonging to communities that are statistically more likely to interact with members of the Police Department, about the residents' views on police-community relations
- Identify and evaluate the effectiveness of progressive policing strategies deployed in other cities

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- Solicit research and expert assistance as needed, in relation to reducing disparities and improving police-community relations
- Communicate community concerns regarding law enforcement policies, procedures, and practices in Milwaukee to the Police Department and the Fire and Police Commission
- Present updates to the Common Council on a quarterly basis

These appointments come in response to the commitment of the community leaders who originally formed the CCC, whose work this newly reauthorized group will build on the foundations of. Given the urgent reforms needed in policing, I found it critical to make these appointments swiftly and in line with community demands.

I very much look forward to watching the CCC listen to community voices as it works to help build a better and safer future for all Milwaukeeans.

I want to personally thank Dr. Blanks, Nathaniel, Dr. Malone, and Damien for their willingness to serve on this most important City body.

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