



MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Supervisor Anthony Staskunas - District 16

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Supervisor Marcelia M. Nicholson
Chairwoman
Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
901 N. 9th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233

RE: Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services

Dear Chairwoman Nicholson,

I am sorry that I need to write and deliver this letter to you. I originally drafted this document about 3 weeks ago when Supervisor Clancy's comments on law enforcement first appeared. I was hoping that you would take some action and do the right thing in response to his comments. Sadly, that has not occurred.

I am writing to request that you remove Supervisor Clancy as Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services (JLEGS). The comments that Supervisor Clancy has made regarding law enforcement, and specifically the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department, are inflammatory and dangerous. His comments show disdain and contempt for the men and women who serve in law enforcement in Milwaukee County. Specifically, his comment in August that police work has "no dignity or value" are a direct attack on the men and women who serve in law enforcement in Milwaukee County.

We all know that Supervisor Clancy has a long history of antagonism and disdain for law enforcement.



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Supervisor Clancy has made comments such as "American policing has always been bad and it always will be". He has been quoted as saying that police do not keep us safe. More recently, at this week's committee meeting of JLEGS Supervisor Clancy was insulting, combative, and condescending to members of the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department, including the Milwaukee County Sheriff Ball.

Supervisor Clancy is entitled to his opinion on these matters. However, I find it highly inappropriate that a person with these opinions would be made the Chairman of the JLEGS. It would seem to me that the Committee, the County Board, and the public would be best served if an individual with at least an even-handed approach to law enforcement would be Chairperson. His outright hostility toward law enforcement and the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department, does not serve the public well.

Madam Chairperson, I am requesting that you remove Supervisor Clancy from his committee chairmanship and replace him with another board member who will be able to handle this committee in an even-handed fashion, giving and granting to law enforcement the proper respect that they are due, and also be able to question law enforcement and their activities as it is necessary. You appointed Supervisor Clancy as Chairperson of this committee in April 2022 knowing full well of his animosity towards law enforcement. He has reinforced this animosity and doubled down in recent weeks. If Supervisor Clancy is not removed as Chairman of this committee, the only conclusion that can be drawn is that you agree with his antagonistic contempt for members of law enforcement. You have the authority to remove him as Chairperson of this committee and I urge you to do so immediately.

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