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PRESS CONFERENCE: PROPONENTS OF POLICE INSURANCE AMENDMENT FILE LAWSUIT TO GET ON THE BALLOT

The Committee for Professional Policing (CfPP) is disappointed that the Minneapolis City Council has chosen to violate the law by not putting our Police Insurance Amendment on the ballot. As a result, we are filing a lawsuit asking the State Court to intervene. We will be discussing the suit and providing copies at a press conference on Friday, August 5 at 10:30 a.m. (or immediately after the council vote).

"State law makes it clear that the City Council must place a charter amendment on the ballot once it has enough signatures," stated Dave Bicking, CfPP Campaign Chair. He continued, "The city establishment has silenced over 15,000 people who signed our petition by falsely the Police Insurance Amendment is illegal. We will easily prevail in court."

WHAT: Press Conference

WHEN: Friday, August 5 at 10:30 am (or immediately after council vote)

WHERE: City Hall, Hallway Outside of Room 317 (City Council Chambers)

In addition to the lawsuit, CfPP is submitting a demand for an investigation into the misappropriation of funds by the Minneapolis City Council. The City Council pays out approximately \$2.5 million per year in lawsuit judgments and settlements for police cases. There is no legal, moral or union contractual obligation for the city to waste our tax dollars bailing out police officers who engage in misconduct. Yet, the city does so routinely—and improperly.

During this press conference, we will provide copies and an overview of the lawsuit as well as our demand for investigation.

"The City Council has never supported holding police officers accountable, which explains the terrible vote yesterday to block our Police Insurance Amendment from the ballot," Bicking said. "Through this lawsuit, we are defending democratic process and the rights of voters to make decisions about matters that are important to the community."

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