Flynn Departure Creates New Opportunities in Milwaukee

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City police chief will step down on February 16.

MADISON – Milwaukee Chief of Police Edward Flynn announced Monday that he would be stepping down effective February 16, 2018. Following the news, Senator Lena Taylor (D – Milwaukee) released the following statement:



"In the coming weeks, it is my desire that we build on the areas where Chief Flynn fell short," said Senator Lena Taylor (D – Milwaukee). "Most notably, the areas identified by the recent U.S. Department of Justice draft report which demonstrated Flynn's issues implementing community policing, creating a police department that reflects the diversity of the community they serve, providing sufficient training, and revising policies that led to disproportionate surveillance and stops of minority residents."

"Moving forward, I hope that the community and elected officials of the Common Council will have a say in the selection of our police chief and that the process is fair, transparent, and reflective of the reforms needed. Chief Flynn, your service has been appreciated, but it is time to move on."