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Milwaukee Community Organizations Must be Part of the Process to Select a New Police Chief

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN — On Monday, January 8th, Milwaukee Police Chief Ed Flynn announced he would retire on February 16th. Voces de la Frontera issued the following statement on Flynn's retirement:

"We urge Mayor Barrett to allow for a democratic and transparent process that will allow community organizations to participate in the process of selecting a new Chief," said Christine Neumann-Ortiz, Executive Director of Voces de la Frontera. "To make our communities safer, we must address the underlying causes of crime, which are poverty and segregation. We deserve a Chief who will support investment in our neighborhoods, in jobs programs, our public schools, and mental health services. We need a chief who will demilitarize the police force and who is committed to providing more training in non-lethal conflict de-escalation. We need a chief who will make sure that Milwaukee police have no role in separating immigrant families, and who is committed to ending systemic racism and ending mass incarceration."

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