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Minneapolis City Council
City Hall – Room 370
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SUBJECT: Nominating Brian O’Hara to the appointed position of Chief of Police

Dear Council President Payne, Council Vice President Osman, and Council Members:

With this letter, I am nominating Brian O’Hara to the three-year appointed term of Chief of Police.

Mr. O’Hara’s tenure as Chief of the Minneapolis Police Department has been marked by tremendous progress and leadership through immense challenges. Under Mr. O’Hara’s leadership, violent crime has gone down in nearly every major category—from homicides to robberies to carjackings and auto theft. While crime has gone down, recruitment has gone up. We have seen a 200% increase in applications to become an MPD officer, and we now have the most diverse department in our city’s history. In addition to reforms under the Settlement Agreement and Consent Decree, Mr. O’Hara has spearheaded innovative initiatives such as the Juvenile Curfew Task Force, which received national recognition.

Mr. O’Hara has also led the Minneapolis Police Department’s response in critical moments, most notably the response to the tragedy at Annunciation and throughout Operation Metro Surge. MPD officers arrived at Annunciation within minutes and responded without hesitation. Throughout Operation Metro Surge, officers worked around the clock, whether it was delivering groceries to neighbors afraid to leave their homes, or responding to critical incidents to ensure the city did not devolve into chaos.

I am grateful to Mr. O’Hara for his willingness to continue serving as Chief for the Minneapolis Police Department. Stability and continuity in our public safety system is vital as our city moves forward.

I request that the City Council forward his name as the person we are considering for appointment to the role of Chief of Police and refer it to the proper Council Committee for a public hearing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Mayor Jacob Frey

Cc: Casey Carl, City Clerk