



The I.U.P.A. Stands with Milwaukee Police Association, I.U.P.A. Local #21

I.U.P.A. President Sam A. Cabral recently penned strongly worded letters in support of Milwaukee Police Association, I.U.P.A. Local #21 to the City of Milwaukee Mayor and Common Council.

In his letter to the Common Council about the city's years-long delays in contract negotiations, President Cabral stated, "Milwaukee's officers are mothers, fathers, and children of proud families. They deserve consistent respect from the city's leadership, not only during elections or photo opportunities after tragedies. Line-of-duty injuries and deaths are real and frequent. Six Milwaukee officers have been killed in the line of duty in the past seven years, one only two months ago. Officers dedicate their lives to protecting the City of Milwaukee. They ask only for fairness and reasonable compensation."

President Cabral continued, "What is unfair is the city's years-long delays in contract negotiations and refusal to settle contracts in good faith. Backpay must never be withheld. It is a basic part of fair bargaining and encourages timely agreements. Labor peace has value, and the MPA has shown its willingness to work toward it. Can the city say the same? The City of Milwaukee's first duty is to keep its citizens safe. Public safety must come before political promises. Proper staffing, fair pay, and respect for officers are essential to achieving that goal."

In his letter to Mayor Johnson, President Cabral stated, "The facts speak for themselves: Milwaukee's police force has been reduced by more than 25%. Fewer officers mean slower response times, increased danger for those who remain on duty, and diminished safety for the communities you were elected to serve. You, Mayor Johnson, are protected by a dedicated detail of Milwaukee officers. Has your security detail been reduced? Should the mayor's safety be valued above that of the city's residents and the officers who protect them?"

President Cabral closed his letter, “We urge you to take immediate action: stop the delays, settle a fair contract, and restore staffing levels. Support those who risk everything to protect Milwaukee. It is the right thing to do. It is the only thing to do. We look forward to your cooperation on this urgent matter.”

Milwaukee Police Association, I.U.P.A. Local #21’s contract negotiations as of late have caught the attention of the news media, meriting a close look on numerous occasions:

- LRIS: [Emergency Milwaukee Public Safety Meeting Spotlights Police Union, City Contract Fight](#)
- LRIS: [Milwaukee Police Chief Calls For Officers’ ‘Just Compensation’ Amid Contract Negotiations](#)

The I.U.P.A. stands in solidarity with Milwaukee Police Association, I.U.P.A. Local #21 and all of its Members for them to reach the contract agreement they deserve with the wages and benefits they have earned through their hard work protecting and serving the community of Milwaukee.