



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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“Federal Agents Aren’t Welcome Here”

County Board Members Issue Joint Statement

MILWAUKEE – County Supervisors Jason Haas, Sequanna Taylor, Steve Shea, Ryan Clancy, Joseph Czarnezki, and Shawn Rolland issued the following statement today on President Donald J. Trump’s deployment of federal agents to the city of Milwaukee under Operation Legend:

“Federal agents aren’t welcome here. Legislation to address the legitimate concerns of those struggling in our neighborhoods and marching in our streets is.

“This White House is failing Milwaukee communities that are working tirelessly to fight an historically disruptive pandemic and the impacts of systemic racism at the same time. The Administration says they have no funding to help counties and cities provide essential services, but now they’re spending millions of our tax dollars to deploy federal agents across the country for a political stunt. If they will not help us safely reopen schools and businesses, prevent evictions, create jobs and affordable housing, deliver health care and mental health, dismantle systemic racism, and more – the least they can do is leave us alone.”

“The death of George Floyd and other innocent Black people across the country, including here in Milwaukee, touched off protests against police brutality and systemic racism. The initial protests were inflamed by the disproportionate use of force by law enforcement. Protests have continued peacefully in Milwaukee since the National Guard left, and because our local law enforcement has, for the most part, resisted unnecessary confrontations. There have been few significant protest-related escalations of violence in Milwaukee since June 3rd.

“As Milwaukee has proven in the past, peaceful protest works, it is constitutionally protected, and it is our right. No federal or local authority has any interest in quelling this exercise of free speech. We stand firmly opposed to the deployment of new or additional federal agents to Milwaukee at this time and we are committed to resisting any unlawful actions by federal officers.”

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