




TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Spencer Cronk, City Manager 

DATE: June 18, 2018

SUBJECT: Announcement of Police Monitor Appointment

I would like to make you aware of my decision to appoint Farah Muscadin as Police Monitor for the City of Austin. As you know, making decisions on public safety leadership has been a top priority since I arrived. Farah has been serving as Interim Police Monitor since January 2018 and has taken the lead in researching and evaluating the needed changes that will determine the best future model for police oversight and accountability for our community. She has demonstrated the ability to effectively engage community stakeholders, Police Management, the Austin Police Association and Council. It is important that our community have stability in the Police Monitor's Office as we continue to make important decisions that will affect public safety and oversight.

Farah is an attorney with more than 15 years of experience in various roles in government. Prior to leading the Police Monitors Office, Farah worked in the City's Innovation Office and Telecommunication and Regulatory Affairs Office. Farah has served as an attorney in the public sector for the Cook County Public Guardian's Office and the Cook County Public Defender. Farah has also worked as the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Associate Vice President of Student Affairs with Chicago State University. Additionally, she worked for two years as Assistant to the Mayor of Chicago. Farah received her undergraduate degree in Business Administration and Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Iowa. She is currently a member of the Travis County Women Lawyer's Association and a mentor for GirlForward.

Farah's proven ability, legal knowledge, analytical capability and professional experience with various governmental entities will be of great benefit to the Office of the Police Monitor. Please join me in welcoming Farah to her new role.

xc: Executive Team
Department Directors
Assistant Department Directors