From: Rebecca Grill
To: Gina Gresch
Subject: Fwd: Public comment for tonight's council meeting
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Please add to the file.
Thank you.
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Dear Clerk,

I'm unable to attend the council meeting tonight, but wish to have the following statement reas during public comments:

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I'm a proud to call West Allis my home. This is the city we have chosen to raise our children. As a woman of color, I find the comments made by both Alderman Stefanski and Roadt at the last council meeting unacceptable. Racial micro aggression is something many people of color face daily and statements such as "we don't see color or race" is offensive. We all presenting the human race. However, this human race is comprised of beautiful and diverse cultures. To dismiss that with statements like "we are all the same" is a perfect example of racial micro aggression. White middle class men telling people of color that our concerns of racially targeted attacks are false is another way to dismiss the fear many people of color face. Alderman Tenorio brought a valid and factual concern in the AAPI community and he was ignored, scolded and invalidated. It was a disgrace to witness as it doesn't demonstrate the values the Mayor's office carries in our city. We are a welcoming city. A city that values everyone's differences and in fact embraces them.

We need change from those who represent us. I want our city to invest in a cultural diversity for the entire city council and report back to our community on how each council members is committed to make changes in this area in each of their district. If any council person declines participating, it will be an indication that such alderperson doesn't belong in our council. Transparency is needed in this matter in order to help ALL residents feel safe and welcome in our city! Lastly, I expect to see Alderman Tenorio's resolution passed tonight.