

Racine Mayor Mason: Statement on release of “Gableman Report”

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City of Racine – Today, City of Racine Mayor Cory Mason released the following statement on release of the “Gableman Report”:

“Do not be fooled: Gableman and the GOP’s intention with this absurd “investigation” is to undermine our democracy. These baseless and unsubstantiated claims of election illegalities do a profound disservice to Wisconsin’s municipal election clerks and election officials, who all worked tirelessly and creatively to ensure citizens’ ability to vote in the midst of a pandemic.

Even more concerning, Gableman’s recommendations lay bare an agenda that aims to make it harder for Wisconsin residents, particularly residents of color, to vote. Gableman’s insistence on continuing this charade of an “investigation,” with closed door interviews and threats of jail time for mayors and election officials, has no place in our democracy.

We should all be embarrassed and frightened of what it will mean for our state if Republicans won’t come to their senses, finally acknowledge that Joe Biden won Wisconsin in 2020, and apologize for the damage they have done to our democratic principles and institutions.

While we wait for the GOP to stop allowing these unfounded and outrageous attacks on our secure and fair elections, I will continue to do everything in my power to ensure that all of Racine’s citizens can exercise their right to vote, safely, and without harassment or delay.”