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## **CILMI APPLAUDS POLICE DEPARTMENT- Withdraws Bill**

Legislator Tom Cilmi today issued a statement applauding Acting Police Commissioner Edward Webber for taking steps to modernize the police department. After nearly a year of trying to pursue the issue administratively and getting no results, Cilmi filed a bill to require the Department to ensure that phones at the precincts would not go unanswered. Today Cilmi withdrew his legislation after speaking with the Department. He said, "The Commissioner assured me that he's taking steps to modernize the Department including utilizing technology that will enhance communications within the precincts. There is no need to pursue legislation when you have someone like Commissioner Webber in place who is willing to work cooperatively towards continuous improvement. I applaud his efforts and look forward to working with him. Therefore I am withdrawing IR-1010."

Asked if he thought his proposal was the catalyst for change, Cilmi said he didn't know but offered, "I care about the results, not the credit. Whether or not I had anything to do with it, I'm happy that it's getting done. People deserve to have their phone calls answered, particularly when they're calling the police."