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Subject: FW: Follow Up

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Good evening Leaders,

I am writing to find out as to when the workshop meeting is scheduled. I need time and location of the meeting. Also as a citizen of this city, I would like to participate and give input as well. Any meeting and decisions that is going to have a direct impact on my life as well as the lives of the people in my community, I definitely want to be part of the solution.

As far as the recent city commissioner meeting, Betty Bradwell, Pinkey Hendley, Annette Brown, Henry Duhart, nor Melvin Jones does not speak for the entire community. They have done nothing but served the Chief of Police purpose. If this statement is incorrect, they would've shown up to last month's meeting and taken a stance against all the crimes and murders in the Northwest section. Last month's minutes speaks for itself.

It has become repetitive for them to show up only when summoned by the chief of police. If the Chief of Police was secure and competent in her leadership abilities, she wouldn't need to bring an entire staff of officers and select citizens from the community to speak on her behalf. I admit that it was quite the dog and pony show, and the best one since she's been hired. Speaking of hiring, please be honest with this Chief and tell her that the only reason she was hired and still maintains her position is due to her race and sex.

I'm going to take this time and address the Mayor's comments about the cause of the crime in the predominantly black community. First of all, the comments were not only unbecoming of an elected official, but racist and degrading. The Mayor's comments reflects both how she feels about minorities as a whole and her lack of care and support for the community that has supported her over the years. I had a great deal of respect for the Mayor, until I heard the racist comments that were made in regards to myself and the people in my community.

It is the duty of law enforcement to ensure the safety of all citizens in this city. With the increase of crime and unanswered murders in my community, it is the fault of the chief of police and staff. Responsibility is also on the elected and appointed officials as well, especially when divided and not effectively addressing the issue. If crime was due to a lack of parenting, then your city manager whose son is involved in the street crime, as well as the chief of police, are unfit parents. I'm waiting

for either of the two to retaliate against me in any way for this statement. I am different from Rick Reed when it comes to harassment or someone retaliating against me. I will not hide nor be afraid of anyone. For the mayor to state that it's a lack of parenting is like blaming the parents for their child being addicted to drugs. A parent can raise their children in the ways that are morally correct, but once that child reaches adulthood or age of accountability, it's then on that child to utilize the morals and wisdom that has been instilled in them.

The true reason of crime and poverty in the northwest section is willful neglect by this good ol boy local government. Commissioner Sessions is not dividing the community by advocating and demanding results. That's his job as an elected official. It's this racist local government that is the blame for the state of the northwest section. The chief attempted to deflect attention from the real issue by staging a perception of an attack by Commissioner Sessions on the police officers. She also failed to take a stance on the shootings as well. The chief talked about everything else but the shootings and bank robberies as if nothing occurred.

To be honest, instead of a budget workshop, there need to be an emergency meeting about this unresolved murders and assault weapons that are on our street. If the shootings that occurred in the northwest section, occurred across the bridge, a meeting would have been called that same day, and more than likely suspects would have been apprehended even if it was a mistaken identity.

I have questions that I demand answers. 1. If our officers are under paid, stop the chief from giving generous donations to the church of her friend Pastor Pinkey Hendley. What kind of pastor takes bribes from the chief of police? 2. Allegany gave millions of dollars to this city form jobs and crime prevention and to create jobs in my community. Make the City Manager account for the funds that were spent because there's no revitalization in the community, only in the bank account of his relative Coletta who seems to benefit from him being the city manager. This is a clear violation of the anti nepotism law. 3. Why is commissioner Johnson more concerned about what Rick Reed posts on his sign at his private establishment more than the addressing the crimes and providing a positive solution for the northwest section? Since commissioner Johnson has an issue with Rick Reed's business signs and expressed it publicly during a meeting, I expect him to have an issue with blacks being harassed at the beach, as well as his race flying confederate flags. If you're going to blow the whistle, do on both ends of the court. Matter of fact Commissioner Johnson, publicly rebuke the racist comments made by the Mayor, if you are a true and devout man of God. 4. Why does the northwest section has the most crime, poverty, lacking jobs and businesses, and worst streets in this city? 5. Why is the commission racially divided? 6. Why is there a lack of black appointees on the boards, and relatives serving on them?

Each of you is my elected and appointed officials, and I would like a prompt response in writing, the same as I have addressed my concerns to you. For the record, please send your prompt response to wilcoxvictor275@yahoo.com.

Respectfully,

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