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From: Andrea Phillips [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 8:09 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org; Andrea Phillips
Subject: STATE vs. LOCAL CONTROL

Good morning!

I do NOT support changing our police department from state control to local control! This is a HUGE mistake! By taking us from state control to local control, you will see an increase in homicides and violent crimes to what is already becoming an alarming number! New York and Chicago are prime examples of what happens when a police department is returned to city control, not to mention the other 7 cities that are in the top 10. Corruption! Most of the city ran police departments have a higher crime and murder rate than those that are ran under State Control.

As you all know, the BOP already consists of people of the community that is appointed by the MAYOR and he serves on the board as well. That is why this is truly not a matter of local control, but that of POLITICAL! Technically we are already local control.... we are a hybrid of the two! It was changed to be run as State controlled over 80 years ago because under local control it was corrupt. I am not saying that the Mayor has intentions of this happening but unfortunately history repeats itself and this too will repeat in time.

If it is placed back under local control and under the city, they will not be 100% focused on the department and not what they need. We need a group of people that is 100% focused on the police department and that can focus on what can be done to help ALL involved.

Chief Smith is an amazing leader! The fact that anyone would call him racist is RIDICULOUS! I have known this man for many years and that is not one word that I would ever use to describe him! I have seen him in all communities. He works with a women's shelter, he is in his community, attends community events, he participates in the Shop with a Cop and loves the kids that we are shopping for! He cares about the community that he serves and lives! He cares about his officers... but still holds them accountable and expects only the best out of them! He also does not expect anything from them that he would not do himself! He is not in this job for HIM! He never "toots" his own horn unlike Forte did. He doesn't tweet. He doesn't post on Facebook. He works. He allows the POLICE DEPARTMENT to do those things, and so you don't see what he is doing because he isn't bragging on himself!

Please! Please! DO NOT CHANGE OUR DEPARTMENT! Do not allow those that want to bend the law dictate how the law is upheld! If anyone should be local controlled it should be the prosecuting attorney's office! THAT is where the issue lies! If she would actually do HER job and PROSECUTE the ones that they have arrested multiple times, then maybe the crime rate would go down instead of up! But when you continue to "catch and release" the crime rate is NOT going to go down! Look at all of the recent violent crimes and homicides and the shooting of Officer Moss. They all had been arrested MULTIPLE times and served maybe a fraction of the time that they should have served. This is ridiculous! If I only did my job halfway, I would be written up and if I didn't get better, I would be fired! She should be held accountable for not doing her job! The number of police officers that serve in Kansas City that are good FAR outweigh those that are bad.

Our police department is already short on the number of officers needed for our fast growing city. I watch my husband go to work each day knowing that he will be the only Sergeant in the field on most days and he will have maybe 4-5 officers when he should actually have 20! How can you be okay with this? How is going to local control going to fix this??? It isn't!

If you allow this change to take place, you are going to lose a lot of good officers. And for a department that is already 200+ officers short, I beg you to think long and hard before you make a decision that not only you will regret, but our city will regret too!

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Andrea Phillips

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From: Brad Chirside [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 2:56 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: State Control

Board members,

Hello,

State control was brought about to control political corruption and protect the citizens of Missouri.

Now that the mayor and other political interests want city control, it will go back to political corruptness. The police department isn't a political weapon to be controlled or wielded. It is to protect life, liberty, and property.

As the violence increases over Political correctness from the Prosecutors office and our Mayor I have contemplated selling my Kansas City based business. I have liked being centrally located near downtown. I have liked being part of regentrification of the urban core. However, if this control of the Kansas City Police Department and it's officers gets worse, crime will spike. They are our protectors and they are wounded badly.

If city control happens I shall sell my building and move my 50 employee shop outside of Kansas City. Not a threat, just want to protect my employees and my property values.

Brad Chirside
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 2:41 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Attachments: text_1594064339532.txt

Please continue state control of our police. I still have great faith in them and believe they are here to serve and protect us.

[REDACTED]

From: Niki Lenz [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 2:37 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: State run police department

Hello,

I am a citizen of Kansas City and wanted to write to tell you that I SUPPORT our state run police department. Giving control of our department and funding to the city is a recipe for disaster. I do NOT support defunding the police in any way. If anything they need more funds to offer them more training and better equipment.

Sincerely,
Niki Lenz

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From: Ronda Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 2:29 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Support for State controlled Police department and for chief Smith

To whom it may concern I am sending this email in support of the KCPD chief Smith and his officer's. They are exceptional, professionals and deserve respect from our citizens. I also support the department staying under state control and would appreciate it not being handed over to our local city officials. We already know what defunding the police does and not supporting and backing them does in other cities. We can see a way for corruption if we allow local officials control. Please keep state control and keep the peace. Thank you. Ronda Smith Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Sherry Witmer [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 2:29 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org

I believe that we still need state control of the police department to insure that politics stay out of it.
Example of political interference: the city council deciding who should be prosecuted.
I also support chief Smith and our police department.
Sherry Witmer

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Ryan Skinner [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 2:12 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: KCPD

Hello,

I wanted to send a quick email expressing my support for KCPD and the tremendous work they do every single day. The current achievement is outstanding and is leading the department and city in the direction for success. Please continue with State Control and the current administration, which is the best for KC.

Thanks,

Ryan Skinner

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 1:59 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Local control of Police

I have lived in KC all my life, I do not want our department to become Political! Politics are a lethal business these days and we do NOT need that in our Police! Please do what is able to stop this! Thank you Donna Weber

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Larry Plaisted [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2020 10:09 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Retain State Control

We support the current structure whereby the Board of Police Commissioners controls the Kansas City Police Department. We support Police Chief Rick Smith. We support the men and women of our great department. It is so sad that our police officers are shot, attacked by bricks, bottles, rocks, and more and are verbally abused by protesters. Our police officers protect all Kansas Citians in a fair and impartial way. The department strives to improve day in and day out. Our officers must be allowed to protect the other 99.9% of Kansas Citians to freely express our views without being threatened by them and by the press which is also stuck those who disagree with their views. I look to this Board to see that the department is permitted to enforce the laws and give them the resources and training to do their job. The Board "must" publicly and verbally support the police officers against people who attack them for doing their job. I support the officers and their families.

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From: Larry Dickstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2020 8:56 AM
To: BOPC@KCPD.ORG.
Subject: City control

Board of Police Commissioners:

Please add me to the growing list of people that oppose the return of control of the Kansas City Police Department to the City of Kansas City. I feel that their anti-police position is a deterrent to good policing and that their main mission is to gain control of the police pension fund. I also realize that there are laws keeping the pension fund separate but if they get control the laws can easily be changed.

Now that I think of it maybe it is time. It has been several years since a city councilperson has been jailed for corruption.

Larry Dickstein

Retired KCPD sergeant

[REDACTED]

From: brucedeb03 [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2020 8:22 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: State control

Good day board members. As a retired police officer I am writing to express my displeasure with the possible move to end state control of the KCPD. For decades the department has been under state control and this arrangement has worked well with members of the community comprising the Board of Police Commissioners. They have effectively guided the police department with the best interests of the department and the citizens alike. The movement of the department to city control removes the interests of the department and its members from the equation. One of my biggest concern is the compromise the retirement fund by the city. Many retirees depend on this as a large part of their retirement income. Imagine being beyond your working years and having your retirement check disappear. Please leave the Kansas City Missouri Police Department under State Control.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

[REDACTED]

From: Dennis Casey [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2020 7:31 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: City verses Sate control

Just putting my two cents worth in, but my vote would be for keeping the Department under state control and I along with many others are strongly in favor of this. The department went to the state due to corruption and today's potential for returning to a full blown time of corruption is extremely likely.

Years ago it was well known that then city corrupt officials had their eyes on the pension fund and the general belief was that if the city gained control over it the money would mysteriously just disappear into the general fund and one way or another would be mismanaged.

This new mayor may come across to the cameras as a nice guy but he has already shown a darker side to his personality and thinking and the general feeling about him and the rest of the city hall politicians is that of a total lack of trust.

[REDACTED]

From: James Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2020 6:17 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: KCPD

I fully support the Kansas City Police remaining under the control of the State of Missouri.

James Martin

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From: Rwjones125 [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2020 5:42 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: City Control of the PD.

BOPC

Dear members of the Police Board I am a retired Sergeant from the department. I served on the department for almost 29 years. I love the KCPD and have always , been proud to have been part of it. I see that once again the talk of City control has once again raised its ugly head. I believe you would be extremely hard pressed to find any retiree from our department that would be in favor of city control of our police department. There was a reason why control was taken from the city and given to the state. The city can not be trusted with control of the Police Dept that is why control was given to you good people. Just look at the mess they have created with the things they do control. In addition to what they would do to our retirement system if they ever got there hands on it. Just look at the citys own retirement system, it bankrupt and a mess. So as you might be able to tell I am very much apposed to city control and if you ask other retirees they will say the same. I hope you all weigh this matter very strongly.

Thank You
Sgt. Richard A Jones (Retired)

[REDACTED]

From: john dawson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 6:19 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: City control

I am a retired police sergeant. Over the years I believed that the BOPC at times got to close to the chief and command staff and did not look out for all the info and all the facts. But I never doubted the honesty and integrity of the board. It is m6hope yo7 will maintain that integrity and take a hard look when they attempt to place under city control. It is also hoped that sometime, some where some one will standup against the mob. Allow the officers to do their job. God bless you all on your tough positions

Sgt. John Dawson (ret)

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 5:59 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org

Dear KCPD Police Board.

Please do not relinquish control of the KC Police Department to the city's control. That would be a very dangerous move. As they say, Power tends to corrupt; Absolute Power corrupts absolutely. Not long after a Mayor was elected within the last few years, his son became involved in a disturbance. Some of his first words to the officers were, "do you know who I am? Look at the past history of KC's City Council and you will see example after example of corruption, crimes, fraud, etc. This would only become worse if the KCPD were in their control.

The KCPD has one of the best reputations across our country. Why would you even consider such a move.

With the State Controlled Board of Police Commissioners our great city's Police Department will remain great as well.

Please do not listen to the very small percentage of people who are screaming the loudest, but listen to the silent majority of the citizens, and do what is best for KCPD. Retain State Control, and support the hard earned efforts of the men and women who put their lives on the line for the city, and for you.

Thank you for your time.

Steve Young
KC area.

[REDACTED]

From: R K Fleming [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 5:20 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: State Control of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department

Kansas City Missouri Board of Police Commissioners:

Commissioner Don Wagner, President
Commissioner Mark Tolbert, Vice President
Commissioner Cathy Dean, Treasurer
Commissioner Nathan Garrett, Member
Mayor Quinton Lucas, Member
Secretary/Attorney David Kenner

My email is indeed long, but it shares, at least for me, "a few of the greatness of opportunities and accomplishment" the department you now govern was afforded by your individual roles and those who preceded you. Your individual inspiration to "our greatness" is, in part, what has motivated and currently motivates us....all of us in Blue.

I joined the Kansas City Missouri Police Department in 1973. I was the second woman (Cheryl Rabin had just come out of the first academy class that included female cadets), that went thru and completed the Kansas City Missouri Police Department Training Academy.

My first assignment was the old Brookside Station. I did my break in period there and later was transferred to the Central Patrol Division. I will be honest and say that I grew up north of the river as a child and had very little interaction with members of communities that were of a different ethnicity. The more time I spent as a street officer, the more I realized how blessed I was to get to know the members of the communities I served, even though I was treated, I am sure, quite differently because I was a woman.

During my 30 year tenure, I worked with some of the finest men and women a department could aspire to employ. Yes, there were bad ones. During my assignment as a Homicide Detective, I investigated several events that occurred which involved possible improper and/or illegal activity by one or more than one officer involved in the incident. I never once heard of any inclination by any other officer or member of the Command staff to turn a blind eye or excuse the improper or illegal activity. Those who committed illegal activity were fired from the department.

While I held the rank of Sergeant at the Central Patrol Division I was blessed to work for two great Commanders, Major Greg Mills and Captain George Roberts.

During my tenure working for these commanders, I was tasked to do Community Policing at Central Patrol, specifically the 120 Sector.

The boundaries of our assignment were Independence Avenue to Truman Road, Charlotte to Prospect. Working in tandem with the Department of Justice COPS/Weed and Seed Program, the Jackson County Prosecutor's Combat Division, City Hall, HUD, neighborhood businesses and the community in partnership, we reduced crime in the specific area by %50 in one year. The effort was the 1st runner up for the Herman Goldstein Excellence in Policing Award. It was aptly named the "Paseo Corridor Project" and is available for review on line to this date. Our sector, the men and women who accepted and facilitated this arduous task received a Special Unit Citation for their work.

Our sector tackled also the issue of Lincoln Gardens, which was located to the south of where the City wanted to create the 18th and Vine area. Lincoln Gardens was a crime ridden, high murder rate low income housing entity that the City realized would negatively impact the development of the "Jazz District" as it was located just off of the Paseo Boulevard, the gateway to the Jazz District coming from the south. With the help of COMBAT, we did a door to door survey of the residents to see what issues were most bothersome to them in that community in an effort to gain perspective and find resolution. The end result was the City elected to tear down Lincoln Gardens.

I was blessed, at one point, to be assigned the Supervisor of the Police Athletic League and later served as Executive Director for a short period. I greatly understand the value of the relationships that are formed between the police and communities and the impact it can have on quality of life and bonds that form between the police and those we serve, especially the children.

I give you all this back ground information in an effort to say the Kansas City Missouri Police Department has always been innovative and a "standard setter" for other departments around the country. In my heart I know this is a result of the great men and women of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department working in tandem with the guidance and leadership provided by the Board of Police Commissioners.

During my final years with the department, my assignment was the Operations Sergeant of the Special Operations Division. This assignment allowed my constant contact with the Secret Service and FBI during dignitary visits to our city, to include on multiple occasions, the President of the United States. To a man, each and every FBI Agent I met, every Secret Service Agent I met stated that the Kansas City Missouri Police Department was one of the most honored and respected Police Departments in the United States.

During my tenure as Sergeant, I made the decision to fire an officer who made an extremely bad judgement call and previous negative behavior was mirrored in his past via his personnel jacket. He appealed this firing to the Board of Police Commissioners. I was called before the Board of Police Commissioners to testify during his hearing to explain my rational and reasoning for my decision to terminate him. The Board of Directors upheld my decision as being appropriate.

I attended many Board of Police Commissioner meetings during my assignment as Operations Sergeant at the Central Patrol Division working for Major Greg Mills and Major Tony Ell. I attended every Board of Police Commissioners meetings during my tenure as Operations Sergeant for SOD working for Major Tom Dailey. At each meeting I attended, I was afforded the opportunity to hear the Board of Police Commissioners explain their methodology for decision making and logic involved in their conclusions. I was constantly overwhelmingly impressed by their individuality and sense of passion and compassion.

To be honest, with the current "appearance" of political intervention/motivation in the operational aspects of policing, I would be terrified to see this great police department, The Kansas City Missouri Police Department turned over to City Control.

I speak from the heart when I say that I do not feel it is in the best interest of the Police Department for the city to be seeking to get it under city control. To be blunt, I see what is happening to other departments under city control run by Democratic Mayors and I can truly say I fear for my fellow brothers and sisters on the Kansas City Missouri Police Department should that day ever come. I fear that the trust and recognition of their love for their city, their love for their communities, and their love for their job will be lost to a dark place. I am deeply personally insulted at any suggestion that law enforcement is "systemically racist" That is just not true, and especially not true in the Kansas City Missouri Police Department.

I am not just your "average joe" who is giving you an outside perspective of the department and who should control the "day to day" operations.

I am a female former officer, one of three in a department of approximately 1100 men, who worked her way up thru the ranks, worked narcotics with DEA, was the first female assigned to the Tactical Unit (SWAT) team, Vice Unit. Crimes Against Property, Sex Crimes, Homicide Unit and later, promoted to Sergeant. I did "this job" 30 years and I did it proudly and felt secure and safe every day knowing the department was under that control of the Board of Police Commissioners who, allowed our Command Staff to run the department in the most honorable of ways.

I was presented the Meritorious Service Award upon my retirement for my service to the department at a Board of Police Commissioners meeting.

But this is not about me, this is about the opportunities I was afforded by a department that was free from City control and City constraints and governed by the Board of Police Commissioners.

I have talked to many of my fellow officers, current and past, and they deeply fear City control and becoming victim's to the mobs that now seem to dictate to some city leaders how departments should be run and how monies should be provided to them.

I pray (yes I do) every night that the Kansas City Missouri Police Department stays under the control of and with the guidance of the Board of Police Commissioners appointed by the Governor.. I come from a police family that began (my father) our service to the Kansas City Missouri Police Department in 1944, so my history and knowledge of this great department is long and my roots run deep.

Please, do not let this happen, fight to maintain control of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department, we, those who have served, and the officers who work those streets every day and night, need and depend on each of you to fight this fight with us.

I hope you will also let the Commanders, Officers and staff currently serving on the department give you their open and honest concerns and feelings regarding this issue.

Retired Sergeant Rebecca Fleming

[REDACTED]

From: Doug Richardson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 3:44 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: City control

This is an easy decision. Just watch the news to see what has become of this city. There was a reason the department was put under state control. The great thing about state control was that I could arrest anyone without repercussions. That included the Mayor and friends. Please don't give it away.

Det. Doug Richardson
Retired ser#1935
Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 3:26 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: State control

There was a reason that the KCPD is under state control, to keep it out of the hands of city officials. Please keep it that way. Being retired, I don't them to have any control of my retirement funds except to keep funding it. Don't let the few terrorist control the city officials into changing a good thing that we have going with stated control.

Thank you for a job well done.

Dewey A. Ellis 2844
retired 6-29-05

[REDACTED]

From: Bill Koetting [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 12:46 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: City / State control

Members of the Board of Police Commissions, greetings,

I am a retiree after 28 years of service to Kansas City, Missouri.

I am writing today to express to you my humble opinion regarding control of the police department.

To me it boils down to Want vs Need. The city Wants control of the department and I am sure they have their own arguments of why. But they have no Need. The governors appointed board members and the Mayor, meet regularly with Chief Smith and review and oversee the department's policies and procedures along with plans for current or future events that affect the city.

Background.....The police department was initiated in 1874 under state control. In 1932 it went under city control. In 1939 after only 7 years, the Governor took the department back under state control due to corruption. Active duty police officers operate under very strict policies and procedures under state control To list a few, no officer can contribute to any political campaign, either by endorsement, place a sign in their yard or financial donation. The only thing not prohibited is a personal ballot vote. It should be noted that in the 1990's two Sergeants made financial donations to an Independence Missouri campaign. They were both fired. One filed suit in State District Court, the other filed suit in Federal District Court. Both courts found the firings were justified under state statute.

I am sure there are areas within the department that could use reassessment and changes. I am also sure these adjustments will be made. There are many special interest groups that have their own agenda for wanting city control. I am hoping that the 'Board' will not be influenced by these special interest groups and consider the history of the police

department and strides that have been made in public service. Quite literally 'If it isn't broken, why fix it'.

Billie Koetting serial #2831

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 11:31 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: City control

To the Board of Police Commissioners;

As a law abiding tax paying citizen of Kansas City, Missouri I strongly oppose city control of our Police Department. I have watched and educated myself regarding the current events of today and how city control has failed numerous Police Departments and the citizens of those communities. The politics and the corruption that is influencing the decisions is disgusting and ruining good cities and Police Departments. Politics and corruption should not be part of any Police Department. I have watched as Police Department after Police Department across our nation being defamed, defunded and good Police Officers slandered all in the name of politics and pandering politicians. These same pandering politicians will ruin good Police Officers all for a few votes. They are willing to ruin careers, livelihoods and Police families just for a few votes. Do we really want our Police Department to be ran at the mercy of who is in office and what the event of the day is or do we want a Police Department that is out of the corruption and not influenced by politics. Do we want our Police Department ran by people who hate the Police and they allow their hatred to influence their decisions? Do we want our Police Department ran by people who don't have a clue as to what a Police Officer does everyday? Do we want the Police Department ran by people who will utilize the Police Department as their personal enforcers? Don't think that can happen, remember the Pendergast days, yes the Police Department has been utilized in the past, as personal enforcers. History is trying to repeat itself and if we allow city control it will be the bad history repeating itself. I do not want the corruption and politics involved in our Police Department. Boss Tom Pendergast is the reason the Police Department is under state control and it works. I never want to see corruption in our Police Department. The Mayor sits on the board, but he is only one person and because he is only one person, the other board members are able to keep his politics out of the Police Department. Kansas City Police Department is known nationwide as a great and well ran Police Department. So many Police Departments nationwide look to KCPD for guidance in running their Police Departments. Do you want to tarnish the badges of all of the hard working good Police Officers with corruption and politics? Do you want the Pendergast days back in our Police Department?

We currently have a pandering political Jackson County Prosecutor who is currently opposed in the next election. Due to this up coming election, Jean Peters Baker refuses to do her job and prosecute violent criminals. She gives sweetheart deals to violent criminals, to include probation for 2nd degree murder. Jean Peters Baker is currently head hunting good Police Officers, all in the name of votes and politics. She refuses to address the violent criminals in our city, but she will head hunt good hard working Police Officers, because that is politically correct. She is willing to ruin good Police Officers, all in the name of a few votes. Currently Jean Peters Baker has over 80 case files on her desk awaiting prosecution, but she is too busy campaigning and head hunting good Police Officers to address these 80 case files. All in the name of politics, Jean Peters Baker, grandstanded against Chief Smith regarding a recent Police involved shooting. She tried and some believed that Chief Smith was not transparent and refused to release a probable cause statement regarding this Police involved shooting. This was nothing more than politics at it's best. Jean Peters Baker had the entire case file and all Police involved shootings are presented to a grand jury, for a true bill or no true bill. A probable cause statement is not utilized for a grand jury. A probable cause statement is only utilized when the case is presented to a Judge for a warrant. Also, Jackson County is the only prosecutors office that has the Police Department write the probable cause statement, Cass, Platte and Clay counties' prosecutor's office write the probable statements. Since Jean Peters Baker had the entire case file, why couldn't she read the case file and prepare the probable cause statement, which is the job of a prosecutor. Of course we all know, she couldn't grandstand and pander for votes if she did her job. Politics is ugly and people will die because of politics. Is this what we really want for our Police Department and our city?

So many are calling for Chief Smith to resign. My question to this demand is why? Is it because he is standing up for the good hard working Police Officers and refuses to throw them under the bus all in the name of politics? Is it because he is a great leader and did not allow our city to be looted, burned and destroyed? Is it because he did not allow politics and corruption to influence his decision? Chief Smith has done so much to bridge the Police/ Community gap within our city. Forte did away with the Community Interaction Officers' program. The Officers in this program worked with community members and community groups and partnered to host numerous community events, for the betterment of our community. Chief Smith re-instated this program and added Officers to this program. Chief Smith hired Social Workers and each division station has a Social Worker assigned to their respective division stations. The Social Workers have helped improve the lives of so many in KC. The Officers who are within so many homes in our community, find that the

911 call is not a Police matter, but is a Social Worker matter. The Officers are able to get these community members the help and resources they need, by completing a referral to the Social Worker. In 2019 the East Patrol Station hosted a Halloween party for the kids of the community. This event was hosted by the Police Department and 21 different community groups, who all worked together to provide a safe environment for the children, so they could have a fun night and receive safe candy. This is only one of many community events that were hosted at the East Patrol Station, yearly. Damon Daniels and Adhoc has recently demanded the resignation of Chief Smith. Mr. Daniels has stated that Chief Smith has done nothing for the community and has refused to reach out to the community. I know for a fact that Mr. Daniels and the Adhoc group was contacted for over 4 years requesting a community partnership for various events at the East Patrol Station. At no time did Mr. Daniels or any of the members of Adhoc return any messages or e-mails regarding the various community events. Gwen Grant has also demanded the resignation of Chief Smith. I know for a fact that Gwen Grant and her organization steered a children community event away from the East Patrol Station, for they did not want the event at a Police Station, but they wanted free security and Police displays. The event in the past was attended by over 1000 children and their families. With behind the scenes politics like these examples, do we really want city control? Do we want a Chief, who serves at the mercy of a political Mayor and city council?

Police work is hard enough, but do we want Officers doing the job one way and when new political hacks are elected to the city council or Mayor's office, they must then do the job according to a new Mayor and city council? I can envision the roll calls after an election. The Sgt will have to brief the Officers that they had done the job a certain way for over 4 years, but a new political machine is in office and they want the Police Department to do the job another way. Do we really want a political machine running our Police Department?

In the past numerous city council members have been indicted and spent time in prison for corruption. Is this who we want running our Police Department? I say NO to city control. Keep the politics and corruption out of our Police Department.

Respectfully;

Rita Olson-Stawicki

Voter

Tax Payer

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[REDACTED]

From: Neven [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 11:22 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Against city control of the police department

I'm asking that you folks on the Board seriously consider all the ramifications if the city gets control of the police department. It hasn't been that long ago that council person after council person was making front headline news after the corruption they were involved in. This department has received praise from other agencies and has always stood out in many good ways. Please don't let this department become like the rest of them. The men and women that make up this department will forever be changed if you allow this to happen.

Neven Mikich

[REDACTED]

From: Rick Ropka [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 10:59 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org; bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Concerns

Dear Member of the Kansas City Missouri Board Of Police Commissioners,

My Name is Ricky Ropka and I am a recently retired Detective with the KCPD. Like other Active Duty Police Personal and Retired KCPD folks, I am concerned with the recent "Demands" that have been placed regarding the KCPD. I believe it to be fair and reasonable that if citizens of Kansas City want change to the KCPD, then citizens should request the changes themselves. No Organization such BLM, should be able to make DEMANDS of our Police Department!

I have been following Kansas City Missouri City Council meetings as of late and the open forum meetings have looked like a circus show. People being rude and disrespectful of others concerns, City Council members acting EXTREMELY unprofessional and bouncing around the room and conversing with the unruly members of the crowd while they are in session, should NEVER happen in a city council meeting! Neither should a citizen be able to point a finger and curse and belittle another citizen voicing their concerns. If behavior such as this does occur, then the people causing the problems should be IMMEDIATELY removed from the meeting. We all saw that this did not happen and I know of many citizens who were our Police Departments family members that were so scared of what occurred, that they had to seek police assistance to get to their vehicles safely to leave.

I understand last week that Mayor Lucas said he wanted Officers to be assigned to the 18th and Vine District, because of the recent uptick of violent crimes and of course it's where the Mayor lives. I believe the Chief had to allocate on-duty officers to protect the Mayors 'Precious' 18th and Vine district, which has already cost the Kansas City Tax Payers Millions of dollars to bail it out, while every other entertainment district in the City of Kansas City Missouri, Pay for their own Police Presence by hiring "Off Duty" officers!

Now I know what I just spoke of isn't necessarily your concern as the Kansas City Missouri Board of Police Commissioners, but the behaviors and lack of respect of the members in the City Council including Mayor Lucas who is a member of the BOPC should gravely concern you? If the Mayor, certain City Council members and BLM get their way and gain City Control of the KCPD, our Police Department as we know it will soon be destroyed.

Taken into account the reason that Kansas City's Police Department went to State control due to it's corruption, there are still NUMEROUS claims of Corruption from Kansas City's City Council, and in my 27 years as a Police Officer for this fine City, I have heard of plenty of corruption within City Council! I am asking that you do everything within your powers to block the City from gaining control of the KCPD!

Thank you in advance,

Retired KCPD Detective Ricky Ropka#4005

[REDACTED]

From: Brian Karman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 10:43 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Local control

Dear Board Members,

As a 25-year veteran of Kansas City Missouri Police department I implore you not to endorse local control.

I am well aware of the graft and behind-the-scenes political infighting and outright corruption of City Hall. We are in the middle of a homicide pandemic in Kansas City Missouri, and at the current rate of homicides, we will well surpass the 1993 record. In my opinion local control, de-funding the police, and replacing Chief Smith will further deflate the already demoralized officers.

As a society, we the people, are at a fork in the road. Will we embrace law and order or will we embrace the vocal minority?

As of two days ago seventy KCPD personnel, to my knowledge, are planning retirement and many others are considering early retirement (officers with less than 25 years). In my 25 years this was unheard of, a majority stayed 25+.

Take a look at staffing numbers, the real number of officers in the field on a given shift, that you can get from the desk sergeant. It is called the Daily Exception Sheet. Eight years ago we were fielding 19 to 21 officers, as of a week ago I was told we were fielding 7 officers on EPD days. That is Wabash to Lee's Summit road, Missouri River to Blue Parkway.

We are not fulfilling our mission statement, at those staffing numbers, and will only get worse if tough well thought out decisions are not made

Thank you for your leadership and service to all Kansas City citizens.

Sgt. Brian Karman (Ret.)

[REDACTED]

From: Hawk [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 9:49 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Keep /State Control Please

Dear Board members

I retired from the KCPD 23 years ago. I was happy knowing that our pension was protected from the city taking it and using it for their own purposed. During my 25 yrs. 4 mos. 10 days of service I found the Office of Citizen complaints to be fair. We were not told who we could not arrest, what businesses to leave alone if they were doing something illegal. It was a mostly happy time for me. I enjoyed going to work.

I think if the city gets control things will be a lot different. Officers will probably be used in the city council's pet projects.....a list of people that would be off limits for arrestbusiness to stay away from. In other words, it would go back to a Tom Pendergast type of rule.

I pray for the officers now working and for the citizens of Kansas City to remain safe under State Control.

Thank you

Hawk (Steve Hawkins)
KC Mo PD Retired
AF&AM Bkfid. #86 50 + yrs.
BFMC Retired
In God I Trust

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 8:55 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: CITY CONTROL OF KCPD

I am a KCPD retire. I believe that city control is a very bad idea city council can not be trusted to run the department and it should be left under state control.

Thank You for your time AL Bachman

[REDACTED]

From: Moie Gardner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 8:03 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: State control of KCPD

I'm writing on behalf of my husband, retired Sgt. Jerry Gardner of the KCPD, who died on March 14, 2020. Jerry served the city of Kansas City for almost 30 years and did so proudly and I must say it was best he died when he did. He always commented how grateful he was that his police department was under state control. Let's get real, seriously planning on turning this over to the city council? They can't get pot holes filled and then they all in conjunction with the mayor and the editorial board of the KC STAR, openly abandoned the police department! What a bunch of cowards...bending to the will of a bunch of protestors bent on causing havoc.

Jerry always said the only reason the city wanted control was that they wanted to get their hands on the police retirement system. If that happens my benefits will be gone and so you can bet I'm against city control.

This is a long email but this is very important to me! This mayor and city council can't manage the city but somehow they are confident they can run the police department? Seriously??

Not one of them had a supportive word to say about the police department (or the editorial board of the KC STAR) until they suggested city control and defunding the police dept. Then all but one signed a letter telling them what a good job they do. FOR REAL????? We should believe they have then have the best interests of the police department on their minds? Not a chance!

PLEASE BACK YHE EFFORT TO KEEP THE
KCMOPD UNDER STATE CONTROL!

Maurine Gardner

[REDACTED]

From: Mark Terman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 6:59 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: State Governance

Good morning,

I am a retired Captain from the department, and recently left my reserve Captain position.

I still live in KC and wanted to express the view of myself and the area in which I live.

We strongly support the continued governance of the KCPD in its current form.

The danger of massive changes occurring now in the midst of changes of law would be unwise.

You all know the history of the department and why the governance was changed.

To that end, I believe the level of corruption would staggering should the change occur.

What is needed is a strong statement from the Board. Certainly, you all do have opinions.

In your experience and knowledge of how the city council works.

Please do not fold to the pressures to change just for changes sake.

Thank you for listening.

Capt. Mark D Terman Ret. (1985-2016)

[REDACTED]

From: Sheila Thompson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 5:12 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Please don't have the city manage our pension fund

My husband retired from the KCPD after 32 years of service. He had a stroke in 2016 and is currently living in an assisted living facility.

His pension is currently paying his rent at the assisted living facility. The stress we are under is constant and now I have to worry about the city taking control of the department. The last thing I need to worry about is the city taking control of the my husband's pension and borrowing against the fund and bankrupting the account.

The city has shown it cannot manage its own accounts and has no business touching the pension fund. Our retirees should be able to relax after serving their city for years. The pension is our lifeline and it is being managed just fine. Please don't give the city access to manage this fund.

Thank you.
Sheila Thompson wife of retired police officer Raymond Thompson

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 11:46 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Attachments: text.000000.txt

Members of the Board, I was a member of the KCMOPD family for 20 years. 4 years as a civilian DFO and 16 years law enforcement. I left the department of my own volition after suffering many back injuries in the line of duty, and the department refused to retire me, medically. So much for me. I have learned that the city of Kansas City is lobbying for control of the KCMOPD. This is something that cannot or should not occur. I was on the department during a time when a lot of city council members were charged, Federally, for bribery and malfeasance. I personally had to arrest city council woman Carol Coe for assaulting a police officer, my partner. Do you think that would have happened if the city had control of the KCMOPD??? Not on your life!!! The city father's/mother's cannot be trusted with information given to them about actions of the KCMOPD and have constantly shown negative feelings about the KCMOPD. Whenever community leaders speak out against the KCMOPD, city council members are quick to turn on the department with negative feedback even though prior statements were positive toward the department. The BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS was appointed to oversee the KCMOPD due to corruption within the core of the city father's. I'm here to tell you that the corruption that existed in the 1930's is still present within the hierarchy of the City of Kansas City, Missouri. I believe you as the Board see this corruption and should report to the Governor that this corruption still exists. I also believe that turning over the reign of the KCMOPD to the hierarchy of the City of Kansas City Missouri would be irresponsible and a huge mistake that would drag the city down to nothing. Your's Respectfully, Ret. Sgt Matthew Rog #3142 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Jeff Barnett [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:33 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: City Control

I became a member of the KCPD in 1987. I retired as a Sergeant in 2014. I stayed one more year as a reserve officer.

During my 27+ years with the Department I learned two very important things:

#1. The Kansas City, Missouri Police Department's is one of the best trained with some of the most motivated and dedicated officers in the country. Part of the reason the Department is so good is that it is free of much of the political influences that affect other agencies.

#2. From my personal observations as well as documented history I have found the politics and many of the politicians associated with Jackson County and Kansas City, Missouri to be corrupt and untrustworthy. If the Department ever goes back under City control I feel it will once again become corrupted and the quality of the Department will suffer greatly.

Thank you for your time,

Sgt. Jeffrey W. Barnett (Ret.)

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: lacey Weimhold [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 6:49 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Keep the police as state controlled

Please keep the police department as a state controlled, not city, organization. Kansas City government is corrupt and will not do what is in the best interest of the officers!

Lacey

[REDACTED]

From: Jo Anne Barr [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 6:07 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Surrender state control of KCPD to local government

In the 1990's, I was tasked with the job of contacting all police departments in cities within the US that had populations of more than 200,000 and inquire if their police departments were run by the city or the state. In addition, I was to inquire if their computer systems were rung by the city or managed solely by the police department. In every single conversation with every single police department computer unit, they advised to NEVER let the city take over as each and every one of them had lost money, integrity, and quality leadership. The Chief of Police at that time was Steve Bishop. He and several others involved in this information-gathering mission were very concerned the city was trying to not only gain control of the computer data systems and all that information, but control of the finances of the PD's retirement system as well! In my years working in Kansas City, there was not one thing the city government promised and that city government fulfilled! They got bonds approved to replace the then current Communications Center - but when it came due in 11 years, there was no money to do it as it had been used for things other than what the people had voted on! This is just one example of the multitude of promises made and promises broken! You have a situation now that while unusual in terms of leadership and control is different from almost all of those within our borders - it still works! You are the ones who keep citizens of Kansas City and visitors to the city safe from the corruption of City Hall! Please don't throw them to the wolves - they deserve better than what the city can provide them! You want to make Kansas City a livable place again? Support the police department and maintain control - their very existence depends upon you!

Thank you for your time!

Jo Anne Barr

[REDACTED]

From: Lanette Arndt [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 2:02 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Keep STATE CONTROL

To the Board,

I am sending this in support of Chief Smith and the brave men and women of the KCPD! I have proudly been a part of this NON CORRUPT POLICE FAMILY for 43 years . It is only because we are under State Control, that the PD has not been corrupted by those "running" the city! POLICE should not be run by City POLITICIANS! It's pretty obvious, just look at other major cities!!

I am so disappointed by the treatment of our EXCELLENT Chief and DEDICATED PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS! This city does not deserve them!! When the Mayor , City Council and JACO Prosecutor "makeup" ordinances to drop charges for obvious criminals, it is a very sad day!!! This is obviously for their own political gain! Our officers risk their lives everyday! Since the lack of support during the RIOTS, and throwing them under the bus, they are now even more of a target!!

I promise you that the majority of this City feels the same way! Because of the above and cutting the budget, you will be losing a great number of fine Officers!

Please do the right thing!

[REDACTED]

From: Megan Hewitt [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 10:48 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Support for Police

Good evening,

I wanted to share my support of the KCMO Police Department as well as Chief Smith.

I wanted to show my support to keep the KCMO Police Department as a state ran department. I think it is vital to keep political corruption out. In fact, I believe more departments should move to state ran. This became apparent when the city council overturned several arrests during the riot/protests. Mayor's in other cities choosing to fire Police Chiefs or the huge push to defund departments.

I also support Chief Rick Smith. He has been through one of the toughest years any of us have experienced. His love of the community and his department is evident. He's handling an epidemic with losing minimal officers to COVID/quarantine, and keeping the city safe. He handled riots with grace even when the city undermined the police. And he cares for the community deeply. He added social workers to each station in hopes of caring for the community even more.

Honestly, I don't have faith that this email is even being read or considered. I feel let down by the city I've lived in my entire life and one that I was incredibly proud of. But I can't let that change my drive for a better place for my children to grow up.

Thank you,
Megan Hewitt

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Nathan Hurley [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 10:38 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Local Control

Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

I wanted to write you a quick email stating I believe local control of the police department would not be in the city's best interest. I hope you see the folly in placing the Police Department under the city's control and fight vehemently against it.

Sincerely,

Nathan Hurley

[REDACTED]

From: Angela Ferber [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 9:42 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: State Control vs Local Control

I would like to voice my opinion on the issue of state control vs local control of our police department.

Kansas City Police Department is already under local control. Each one of you that sits on the BOPC is a resident of Kansas City. What makes KCPD unique and buffers it from corruption is the fact that the governor elects the BOPC. The mayor automatically holds a seat on the BOPC. This system has worked flawlessly for 80 years since the state had to step in and put an end to the Pendergast reign. The citizens of Kansas City deserve to have this protection from corruption and favoritism. We deserve to have our police department separated from city government and city officials that are very widely known for the criminal acts. Corruption runs rampant in the political arena. And that includes everyone from the city level all the way to the federal level. We DO NOT want to put our police and the citizens of Kansas City in a position of corruption again. We already know of several city council members that have been under investigation. But in case you or anyone else has forgotten, let me help refresh your memory. As you can see, the list of corrupt city officials is extremely long. And I will let everyone know about these and any others that happen to be revealed.

ALISSIA CANADY. In 2016, Kansas City councilwoman Alissia Canady had a faceoff with police over whether officers had the right to tow her car for expired plates. Canady represents the city's 5th District and sits on the ethics and public safety committees. Canady said she walked out to her car after lunch, to find it hooked up to a tow truck. Police dashcam video showed a simple tow job turn into a mess. Canady's car was hooked up to a tow truck and elevated. She then climbed in and even started the engine.

"I'm asking you to give me consideration," the voice of Canady could be heard on the video.

Four officers responded to the scene, while Canady sat in her vehicle making phone calls and refusing to exit.

When interviewed, Canady said "Yeah, not only am I an attorney, I am a city councilperson, and so I do know what the ordinance does permit and not permit." Canady went on to say that she started the car because it was hot. She then called a tow over expired tags an extreme response and said that she would be checking the law.

Police officers could be heard asking Canady to get out of her car. She refused, saying that officers did not have a right to tow her car for expired plates.

MIKE SANDERS. In 2015 Former Jackson County Executive Mike Sanders was sentenced to 27 months in prison and three years' probation for conspiracy to commit wire fraud related to inappropriate use of campaign donations. In addition to his sentence the judge ordered that he pay back \$40,000. He has already paid back \$25,000.

Calvin Williford, Sanders' chief of staff, also pleaded guilty to the scheme in which Sanders funneled money back to himself. Williford faces up to five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and three years' supervised release.

During Williford's court appearance, it was also mentioned that Sanders and Williford took a trip to Las Vegas together using some of this money. Allegations came to light that Sanders used Steve Hill, a longtime friend and quadriplegic who lives on disability, to pull off the illegal kickback scheme.

Hill said that from 2010 to 2013 Sanders gave him checks to cash. Hill was listed as an independent contractor on campaign finance forms for Sanders, supposedly conducting voter research. Hill said the only thing he did for Sanders was cash the checks, keep a little money and funnel most of it back to Sanders.

Sanders began his job as county executive in Nov. 2006 and was re-elected in 2010 and 2014. He resigned abruptly in December 2015 during his third term as county executive, saying at the time, that he wanted to spend more time with family. In addition to serving as county executive, Sanders was Jackson County prosecutor and head of the Missouri Democratic Party.

SAUNDRA MCFADDEN-WEAVER. McFadden-Weaver, an East Side Kansas City councilwoman, in 2007, was indicted on mortgage-fraud related charges. She was accused of being a straw buyer for a Lee's Summit home in a scheme meant to result in her receiving funds to renovate her house in Kansas City. Her two-month sentence was followed by four months of home detention.

DEBORAH NEAL. Neal, a Kansas City municipal judge, was sentenced in 2006 to 28 months in federal prison after pleading guilty to mail fraud. The charge was related to Neal's acceptance of loans, to feed her gambling addiction, from lawyers who practiced before her. Like Sanders, the judge in Neal's case sentenced her to more time behind bars than government prosecutors recommended.

BILL WARIS. After serving his two terms as Jackson County executive, Waris pleaded guilty, in 2004, to a felony charge of lying to the FBI during the bureau's investigation of then-County Executive, Katheryn Shields' administration of a county contract. He was sentenced to three years of probation and fined \$2,000. Waris died in 2007.

VERNON THOMPSON (AND HIS SON). Thompson, a Democrat who served in the Missouri House for 13 years, pleaded guilty, in 2000, to two counts of fraud for stealing more than \$300,000 of public money. He was sentenced to a year and a day in federal prison, which was reduced to seven months and 15 days due to his cooperation with authorities.

ELBERT ANDERSON. In 1999, Anderson, chairman of the Kansas City Port Authority, was sentenced to two years in federal prison and ordered to forfeit \$64,500 for bribing Kansas City COUNCILWOMAN D JEANNE ROBINSON and JACKSON COUNTY LEGISLATOR JAMES TINDALL in exchange for directing public funds to his public relations business.

JAMES TINDALL. In 1999, Tindall was found guilty by a federal jury of making a false statement on his 1992 tax return when he failed to report \$18,500 of income for that year. Tindall served on the Jackson County Legislature in the 1980s and 1990s and then again from 2007 to 2014. At the same trial, Tindall was found not guilty of bribery charges in connection with the Elbert Anderson case. The jury could not reach a verdict on three other tax charges. Tindall received a three-year sentence.

ED PHILLIPS. Phillips, president of the Kansas City fire fighter's union, was sentenced in 1997 to 12 months in federal prison and fined \$117,500 for participating in a fraud scheme with Kansas City Councilwoman D. Jeanne Robinson.

JEANNE ROBINSON. In 1996, the Kansas City Councilwoman pleaded guilty to defrauding her employer, Marion Merrell Dow, to the tune of \$295,000 from 1994 to 1995. She also admitted to receiving about \$51,000 in bribes from Elbert Anderson, the chairman of the Port Authority of Kansas City. She cooperated with investigators on the Anderson case and received a reduced 18-month sentence for ripping off her employer.

RICK MOORE. Moore, a former Clay County Commissioner, pleaded guilty in 1996 to a federal fraud charge related to his taking of a bribe in 1992. Moore was placed on probation for three years after becoming a key government witness in its case against disgraced Missouri House Speaker Bob Griffin. Moore testified that it was his idea to offer a bribe to Griffin to remove a state representative from a committee.

MIKE HERNANDEZ. Hernandez, a Kansas City councilman, pleaded guilty in 1995 to accepting \$70,000 in bribes from Northland developers and evading \$17,000 in federal income taxes. He was sentenced to 15 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release and an agreement that he pay back taxes.

CHUCK WEBER. Weber was the go-between in the bribery scheme that sent fellow councilman Mike Hernandez to prison. Because he cooperated with authorities, he was sentenced to five months and fined \$5,000.

JOHN CARNES. Carnes, a former Jackson County legislator and member of the Independence City Council, pleaded guilty in 1989 to paying a bribe to a member of the Independence City Council for the official's support of a zoning matter involving a shopping center. He also admitted to giving false information on a bank loan in 1987. Sentenced to five years in prison, Carnes served two before his release on parole in 1991.

CHARLES HAZLEY. Hazley, a titan of East Side politics while on the Kansas City Council, from 1971 to 1991, spent less than a month in prison after pleading guilty in 1988 to not filing a federal tax return. He remained on the council and resumed his service after he was released from prison. (c)

Sincerely,

Angela Ferber

[REDACTED]

From: Cathy Counti [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 6:42 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Local control of the police department

I do NOT support local control of the Police Department. It needs to stay as is.

KC has not shown that it has the ability to manage any of our cities resources well. And turning the Police department over to local control is a very bad idea.

I live in KC and I VOTE.

Do not approve this change.

Thank you for your consideration,
Cathy Counti

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

[REDACTED]

From: JoAnn Lopez [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 6:14 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Control

Dear Board, Governor, Mayor and Council:

I am writing in support of our police department and my absolute disappointment in our Mayor and Council.

There is nothing worse than learning that our council is responsible for dropping charges for people who were disobeying the law at the protests. You gave a free pass at the safety of our officers. You showed zero regard for their personal safety.

So you take something simple like this and now it metamorphs into City control...a City that has lost my trust and all council members that have lost my vote. I do not trust that any one of you will make the best decision to keep me and my family safe.

I trust our state ran police department because they know the law and follow the law.

Our Mayor and Council have proven they are corrupt when they dropped the those charges.

What's next? Do Northlanders separate like St. Louis?

JoAnn Tracy Lopez

[REDACTED]

From: Kimberly Dickerson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 5:28 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: State Control

Dear Commissioners,

I need you to know I support continuing

State Control with regards to the Kansas City Police Department. I sincerely feel the current city council has members past who display self serving behavior. I would like to see as much corruption & politics out of our police department, as possible.

I feel this can be better achieved via state control.

Sincerely,

Kim Dickerson

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: tammy Thomas [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 5:22 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Support

BOPC,

I am writing this email to show my support of our men and women of KC MO Police Department. These officers are doing an outstanding job that gets little thanks. Chief Smith has shown himself to be a great leader, showing by example. As a city we stand behind our PO and this department. Please do the same. Allow this department to continue to have state control NOT city control. This city has proven time and time again that they can't govern themselves and run an efficient program. To many of the silent majority aren't voicing our concerns, but we are out there.

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Barista De Casa [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 4:33 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: State Control

I'm a former KCPD employee and worked in 911 Communications for 10 years. I see the pressure that has been placed on our police officer and the Chief.

I want to assure the Board that many of us former employees and citizens request that the State retain control over KCPD. Without the Board there were be less oversight and accountability.

Thanks

Brandon Gott

[REDACTED]

From: Peggy Gorenflo [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 4:22 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: KCPD

Please accept this letter in support for the continuance of state control to keep the corruption and politics out of our police department. I have been a resident of KCMO for over 40 years. It is my home, where I live, where I work and where my kids go to school. I am also a social worker for a community mental health center and for the last 7 years have worked every single day with KCPD and surrounding law enforcement agencies. My role is to train them on mental health concerns and "co-respond" to follow up with clients who are currently or have recently experienced a mental health emergency. I am one of 31 social workers across the state that hold this position to work directly with Law Enforcement. The compassion and empathy I have seen from these officers has brought me to tears. Officers work diligently to build strong positive relationships with my clients, often going above and beyond on a very regular basis. I could tell you many stories of situations where officers have literally saved my clients' lives but due to HIPAA I am unable to. KCPD has some of the most professional, creative and well trained police officers around. I am honored to work with these heroes every day. Please do everything in your power to support these brave men and women who have so resiliently dealt with recent events. Please also support Chief Rick Smith. Please allow them to do what they have been trained to do and that is to protect our community.

Thank you,
Peggy Gorenflo, MSW

[REDACTED]

From: donna obannon [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 4:03 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: KCPD/Chief Smith

Board of Commissisoners,

I support our KCPD remaining under State control and I support Chief Smith.
I hope the Board continues to support them!

Thank you,
Donna O'Bannon

[REDACTED]

From: Pat Wilmer [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 4:00 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org

I sincerely hope you aren't being influenced by emails you are receiving from people who aren't residents of KC . There are so many people in our city now being paid to destroy it . The decisions that affect our City should be made by people who will be ultimately affected by these decisions . I so strongly believe it would be a major mistake to bring control of our police back to local control . Chief Smith is doing a great job and could do so much more if he had the mayor and council backing him up . I think you will find that the majority of residents of KC are for state control and our police force . Please don't be influenced by outsiders who are trying to destroy us .

Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]

From: Mary Arling [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 3:35 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Keep state control, minimize abusive police & don't punish knark cops

I support our police completely. I've always had really good interactions with police, but I am white. I don't know if that's really true that they target darker skin people or treat darker skinned people more harshly. I've seen videos where police hide drugs just to be "found" so they could arrest people. I've seen videos where they're beating Black people. I've seen all the videos, so it's happening maybe not in KC now but it is happening, but I also know 1/2 police department is dark skin people, so how could they be racist!?!?

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Sandy Landau [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 3:20 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: No to City Control of our Police Department

I am strongly opposed to City Control of our fine KCPD. I'm sure you have been inundated with all the details of each and every person in years past that were dishonest, or worse yet, charged with various crimes while allegedly looking after the best interests of our fair City as elected officials, or those appointed. (The Carol Coe, Sanders charges, etc).

I truly believe the Board of Police Commissioners will continue to uphold the strongest intentions of what is best for the City of Kansas City. Their integrity alone speaks for itself. This is NOT the case at City Hall, or several of the leaders working there.

I know how top heavy the City is, and just take a look at the salaries of those at the high ends. What do they really do? How many people are they supervising? I speak from experience as I know of one that made over \$120k, had no employees to supervise and had nothing to do most days. If I am aware of one instance, I know there are many others. The mismanagement is unfortunately widespread.

Having said that, we need people like the BOPC to continue to make sound, educated decisions for everyone involved. No more political gain for those who abuse their position. The City cannot even keep up with its responsibility of paying their portion into the Law Enforcement and Civilian Pensions, and haven't for years. They have promised they will make it up, but its obvious it isn't a top priority and no action has been taken.

I strongly ask that the control remain as it currently stands. I have ZERO faith in how City Hall operates. I trust the BOPC to do the proper enforcement for our city.

Chief Smith and all the officers and employees are valuable assets to KCMO and need to be recognized and represented by the BOPC. If we don't get it together, no one will want to be a police officer here. Who will answer that call for service? Seriously, this has to stop now!

Thank you for your time.

I pray for our City, as it needs it more and more each day.

Sandy Landau
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Emily McQuillen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 3:46 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: WE SUPPORT CHIEF SMITH

My Family support chief Smith. He has done a phenomenal job for our city and despite the way he has been treated he continues to do so. The police department has run just fine for the last 39 years, it was a complete disaster when it was locally run and that would be a huge mistake to be made again. Focus on the criminals not the police!

Thanks

Emily M

[REDACTED]

From: Thomas, Bradley N
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 7:05 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Support

I 100 percent support Chief Smith as the leader of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department. I trust him to guide us through these difficult times and to strengthen the bond between the community and police. I, my family and friends absolutely DO NOT support local control of the KCPD. The city leadership as a whole has proven inept at managing the most basic of city services through the years. I sign my name to this message as Brad Thomas

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Jennell Houts [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 8:15 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Continue state control -- support Smith and KCPD

Dear Board of Police Commissioners --

We are writing today to ask you to continue to support Chief Smith and the KCPD.

We believe that what is best for the KC Metro is that the police continue to be in State control which will help to keep corruption and politics out of our police department.

We support all KCPD officers and Chief Smith.

During the recent protest and rioting, Chief Smith and KCPD did an AMAZING job at keeping our city safe and protecting not only our citizens but also most property.

Truthfully, every single person we know and have talked to SUPPORTS the KCPD -- we don't know one person (including minorities) who doesn't support Smith and KCPD!

Finally, don't you find it ironic (and disturbing) that many of the same people who are calling for the defunding and dismantling of the police department are the ones who are inciting the violence??? Without a strong police force in place, it will be open season for criminals, and law-abiding citizens and businesses will be victimized like never before.

Please continue to support and fund Chief Smith and the KCPD -- they are the last defense the people of KC Metro have against total chaos and tyranny taking over our city.

Thank you,

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Wayne & Jennell Houts
Raytown, Missouri

[REDACTED]

From: Heins, Janice M
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 8:13 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: We Support Chief Smith!

Good morning,

I wanted to reach out today and make sure you're all aware of the overwhelming support Chief Smith has on this police department. He truly cares about the officers, the department and this city. He has implemented or re-instated many community services that Chief Forte got rid of. My husband and I are both officers on this department and we have complete faith that Chief Smith can get us through this difficult time. I believe it would be a huge mistake and affect the morale on this department if he would be dismissed as our leader. As someone who has been on this department over 20 years and been through many Chiefs, I can honestly say that Chief Smith is by far one of my favorites and probably the best leader this department has had.

Sgt. Janice Heins
Kansas City, Missouri Police Department

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Hammond, Thomas M
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 8:11 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Chief Smith

I would like to express my total confidence in Chief Smith as the leader of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department. It seems as if the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office, mainly JPB, has a personal vendetta against Chief Smith because he refuses to cower to their demands. During the last few months it seems as if the police have become the enemy of the people and there is no one who is speaking up for us other than Chief Smith. I am a second generation police officer and have spent the last 22 years on this police department and am currently assigned in the Homicide Unit and have worked 36 murders so far this year. We are getting it handed to us and Chief Smith has come to our office several times to express his support and encouragement, something the previous chief never did, although he did secretly show up to homicide scenes and take photos from a distance and put in for \$500,000 worth of comp time.

I know with talking to my coworkers we all support Chief Smith but didn't know how to make our voices heard since the board meetings are closed due to covid. Also, my coworkers and I would welcome any of you to come up and talk with us regarding Chief Smith or any other issues. I could type pages of content to show my support for Chief Smith but I think this small email should be sufficient for now.

Thanks,

Det. Tom Hammond #4775
Kansas City Missouri Police Department

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Dennis [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 9:44 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: I support the Chief

We have a great Police Department lead by Chief Rick Smith who I support. He cares for the city and has earned the respect of all the officers he commands. The department does not need to be under local control, it didn't work before and it won't work now.

DennyO
DennyO

From: Thomas, Kayla R.
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 10:35 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: KCPD

Hello this is Officer Thomas (#50078) with East Patrol PMs. I am taking the time to write this email to voice my support for Chief Smith. Over the past three months it has been said by multiple people, with long careers in law enforcement, that this is the roughest period they have ever worked through. Chief Smith has continually showed his true leadership skills by leading KCPD from the front. He does not sit back on his heels, he goes out with patrol officers and leads from the front. His leadership, honesty, and integrity have been paramount to getting KCPD through one of the hardest times this department has ever experienced. It is truly my opinion without his leadership this department would have seen a large loss of officers several weeks ago. Instead, we have a Chief leading from the front and guiding us through these turbulent times. It would be detrimental to this city and its citizens to force Chief Smith out of his position.

A well known fact of the PMs watch is we had an officer critically injured in a shooting. Chief Smith has been by his side every step of the way, comforting family, and being there for our officer. This is not a job for Chief Smith, this is a calling.

Something Chief Smith has been vocal about is maintaining State Control of our department. It is his belief, and the belief of many officers, what makes this city so unique and so in touch with our citizens is that we are not governed locally. Being controlled by the State allows us to maintain impartial in city politics, while still being unbiased in how we police. Our mayor sits on the Board of Police Commissioners and has a voice in the direction this department goes. Like the country we live in, we are governed by a basic democracy which prevents overreach of any one person. To take that away would be a mistake.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. Please take a moment of time to say a prayer for our injured officer and his family.

Respectfully,

P.O. Thomas #50078

[REDACTED]

From: Melanie Barch [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 5:12 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Chief Rick Smith, and State Control

All members of the board,

I would like to express my concern for the members of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department. I believe it is very important that it stays under state control for numerous reasons.

As you all know KCPD is an amazing organization that works hard to maintain a high level of integrity and professionalism. I retired after 25 years of service in April 2020. It absolutely breaks my heart to see the department under attack. There is no doubt that an organization can always grow, learn and change for the better. However, the base structure of KCPD is very strong and I think it is very important to recognize that.

Chief Rick Smith has done an excellent job and the request by numerous citizens for his resignation is disheartening. Please support Chief Smith as he continues to face such a difficult year.

Please support our department members as they try to maintain peace in a disrupted environment.

Thank you for your time.

Melanie Fields

[REDACTED]

From: Ernest evans [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 05, 2020 11:09 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Re: Crime Disaster in Nation and in KCMO

From: Ernest evans <ernestevans2@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 5, 2020 12:04 PM
To: Ernest evans <ernestevans2@hotmail.com>
Subject: Crime Disaster in Nation and in KCMO

FYI--my thoughts about Chief Smith. We as a nation and a city are facing an explosion of violence in our black neighborhoods. 42 homicides in the East Patrol District in KCMO so far in 2020 compared to 24 at this point in 2019. In Chicago, 18 homicides in past two days; almost all of the victims were black; among the black victims was a seven year old and a fourteen year old. Take care--May God bless you as you go about your duties.

Sincerely, Respectfully and in Christ,

Dr. Ernest Evans (Professor of political science and criminal justice studies at Kansas City Kansas Community College.)

From: Ernest evans <ernestevans2@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 7:56 PM
To: Ernest evans <ernestevans2@hotmail.com>
Subject: Removing Chief Richard Smith Would Be a Major Mistake

In the past ten days there have been a large surge in the number of black homicides in most of the cities of America. To take the most terrible case first: In Chicago in the past four days there have been 28 homicides--to put these statistics in perspective, in all of May 2019 there were 48 homicides in Chicago. Most of these 29 homicides were black men, women and children: So far in 2020 in Chicago, there have been 179 black homicides, 44 Hispanic homicides, 12 white/other homicides, and 14 unknown.

Chicago is the worst case, but it is not alone. In Philadelphia there was an average of one homicide a day in calendar year 2019--in the past three days there have been 15 homicides--almost all of them black victims. In Baltimore, so far in 2020 there have been 134 homicides; at this point in 2019 there had been 128 homicides--and 2019 was the second bloodiest year in the history of Baltimore. In Washinton/DC there have been 68 homicides in 2020--compared to 61 at this point in 2019. Again, in both Baltimore and Washington/DC a massively disproportionate number of the increase in homicide totals is due to black victims.

That violence is exploding in the black neighborhoods of America right now should surprise no one. A just released study by two distinguished Harvard professors has studied several cities where there were highly-publicized cases of police-black community conflict. This study concluded that just in this small number of

cities the controversies had led to more than a thousand additional homicides, most of them black men, women and children.

Kansas City, Missouri is in the midst of a major surge of violence, a surge of violence that has fallen massively disproportionately on the city's black residents. The all time record for homicides in KCMO was in 1993 when there were 153 homicides. Right now, the city stands at 73 homicides as of June 4, 2020--compared to 54 at this point in 2019 and 51 in 2018. Of the 73 homicides so far in 2020, 54 are black people. In the heavily black East Patrol District of the KCPD there have been 30 homicides in 2020--compared to 20 in 2019 and 19 in 2018.

There are calls among people in KCMO for the resignation of the city's police chief, Richard Smith. I think that it would be a major mistake to remove Chief Smith right now. As I see his actions with respect to officers charged with racist misconduct, he is not saying that there is nothing wrong with what the officers did, he is simply saying that they deserve Due Process.

To get back to the Harvard study: What that study found is that when police officers accused of racist misconduct are denied even a pretense of Due Process, out of sheer self-survival they stop doing their jobs in black neighborhoods. Nature abhors a vacuum, so the gangs, criminal elements and drug dealers take over those neighborhoods and unleash a reign of terror on the resident.

So, everyone in KCMO, regardless of race, has a stake in the local police officers getting Due Process when accused of racist misconduct. To remove Chief Smith because he is insisting that his officers get Due Process would be a tragic mistake for our city.

In conclusion, last week my article for the Times was on the George Floyd tragedy. That video was terrible to watch--personally, I watched it once to know what had happened but have refused to watch it again. I cried when I saw Mr. Floyd call out for his Mother as he was dying; my older brother, a combat veteran of Vietnam, told me that in watching the video he was reminded of young Marines dying in his arms in Vietnam while calling for their Mothers. So, I fully understand how angry and upset people are right now. But, basing public policy on emotion has been shown, historically, to be a disastrous idea, and so we cannot allow our emotions to rule us right now.

[REDACTED]

From: Janeen Goble [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 4:24 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org

Dear Board,

I ask as a tax paying citizen of Kansas City MO that you keep and DEFEND our Chief of Police and all our officers! We have a beautiful city and need it to stay that way! We will not go the way of Chicago or Minneapolis! We love and stand behind our POLICE! You need to as well!

Sincerely,

Janeen M. Goble

[REDACTED]

From: Dawn Pena [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 8:02 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Pledge of Support

It's hard to imagine a time where citizens have to express a concern about the defunding of police and yet here we are in such a time. I am pledging my support as well as my families support to the Thin Blue Line. We are asking that the BOPC stand against the bullies that have gripped our society with their choking agenda. Not all of us feel the same way the media is portraying our society. I feel strongly that we NEED a strong police force and a strong military presence now more then ever. The condition of these other cities that have allowed the defunding to take place is deplorable. PLEASE do not let this happen to our great city!! PLEASE stand up for the pledge and oath that you took when you joined this team to serve and protect, I am asking for that very protection for myself, for my family for our community.

Thank you for your time and my God guide your path and protect you as you all!!

Sincerely,

Dawn Peña

[REDACTED]

From: Wendy Francis [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 10:06 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Our police

Hello,

I am just writing in concern to the police reform being evaluated for officers. I implore you to do all you can to protect our officers from any situations that could potentially land them in jail because of being overly scrutinized. Allow them to do their Jobs in a safe effective way. They do need to have their body cams on at all times I believe. We need to support our police and their efforts. My heart breaks how they are being demonized by the actions of a few. We need individual accountability...not collective accountability. This nonsense of defunding the police to put social workers etc into non violent situations is concerning as well. We all know non violent situations can become violent at anytime. Please don't bow to an agenda. I pray that You will ask God for guidance in all you do. This chaos that is erupting across our nation and across the world....I believe we are in the end times as the Bible makes it clear what the world will look like during those times. I pray each and everyone of you have an encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ and receive His gift of eternal Life so that you are assured of heaven if you haven't already.

God bless,
Wendy Francis
Romans 8:23

[REDACTED]

From: Darla Hennigh [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 2:10 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Please don't defund our police!

I am sending you an email to BEG you to continue supporting our Police Department and its officers. Lowering funding is a short sighted and naïve approach. Things like more training, adequate days off etc...aren't going to be achieved with less funding. Our crime rate is climbing, our murder rate is on track to be 200 for the year, please don't allow a minority of people screaming for something cause a quick handed response.

Darla Hennigh, CPT
DarlaHennighFitness.com

[REDACTED]

From: Penny Thomas [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 2:34 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Back the Blue

Hello all,

I feel that it is my civic duty to send a note of my appreciation and gratitude for the brave men and women serving in the KCPD under the strong and fair leadership of Chief Smith. I think this country is doing irreparable damage to itself by speaking out against police and throwing politics into the middle of it all. We can obviously see that this is happening in the violence that has been shown towards police lately. It is heartbreaking and makes me fearful that it's going to be impossible to keep/hire good officers. Why would they choose to do a dangerous job that doesn't have the backing of their superiors or community? I think it would be a terrible decision to relinquish state control of our police department and hand it over to local governance that has a proven track record of corruption. Please advise me of other opportunities or ways to make my voice heard on this matter.

Sincerely,
Penny Thomas

Sent from Penny's iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Heather McGuire [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 3:09 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Law enforcement

Kansas Citian born an raised 50 years

Do not get rid of our law enforcement!!!! We clearly need more law enforcement, more training and more money for our officers! The Mayor certainly can't fix the crime and death toll created by criminals!!!!

Heather McGuire-Dunphy

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Frank Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2020 2:20 PM
To: mayorq@kcmo.org; Hall, Heather; O'Neill, Kevin; Loar, Teresa; Justis, Amy; Ellington, Brandon; Robinson, Melissa; Shields, Katheryn; Bunch, Eric; McCoy, Keema; Pearson, Angela; Foster, Katrina; Wickham, Fred; Sanders, Marilyn; bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Laying off 200 officers from KCPD
Attachments: To Mr Lucas.doc

All,
I am very upset that you would even think about laying off 200 officers from the KCPD. Yet Melissa Robinson wants 20 officers assigned to the 18th and Vine district. So the rest of Kansas City can do with less police officers but the black business's at 18th and Vine district deserves more for free.

I am also upset by Mr Lucas's actions and statement regarding the city manager, He fired the white city manager and "Declared he could only work with a black manager" and appointed a "Senior Black Manger" "This is a very racist statement and action. Suppose a white mayor fired a black city manager and said he could only work with a white man. He would be put in jail for civil rights violations. We do not need to add to the social reforms we give to the black community, we already give welfare, section 8 housing, Medicaid, food stamps, rehab their house, clean their neighborhoods and quite a few other social reforms. We need what we pay our taxes for police, fire and emergency medical services. You can not change that without a vote.

Chief Smith and the KCPD is doing a great job even when you are handcuffing them, then complaining they are not doing their job.

Frank Smith

Public Comment Respectfully Submitted by State Representative Mark A. Sharp

I respectfully request that the Board of Police Commissioners formally join Mayor Quinton Lucas in requesting Governor Mike Parson to call a special session of the Missouri General Assembly to consider urgently needed legislation to reduce violent crime in Missouri's cities.

Specifically, I hope the Board can support including the following legislation in such a special session:

Establishing and funding a long overdue pretrial witness protection program in Missouri such as proposed in House Bill 2207 which I co-sponsored in the 2020 regular session of the General Assembly.

Strengthening the penalties for tampering with victims or witnesses which is now just a misdemeanor such as proposed in House Bill 1964 which I co-sponsored. If the underlying crime is a felony, victim and witness intimidation in such cases also should be a felony.

Making discharging a firearm within or into city limits with criminal negligence a state offence instead of just a city ordinance violation as proposed in House Bill 2169 which I sponsored. This bill, known as "Blair's Law" is named after 11-year-old Blair Shanahan Lane who was killed here in 2011 by celebratory gunfire.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Sharp
State Representative
District 36

[REDACTED]

From: Sheryl Ferguson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 05, 2020 10:12 PM
To: newsdesk@kctv5.com; news@kmbc.com; news@fox4kc.com; kshbnews@scripps.com; bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Open letter to KCPD and Board of Commissioners

We the people at It's Time 4 Justice first wish to express our prayers and concerns for those affected by the recent series of events resulting in officers being shot while on duty. Our hopes are for the speedy recovery of all involved. We acknowledge the job they have in our community as being necessary and difficult. We hope to see the officers and our community live in safety and harmony.

The inner city has many challenges when it comes to the factors that cause involvement with officers; criminalized poverty without resources, addictions, and often undiagnosed or treated mental illnesses. The concerned citizens and organizers of It's Time 4 Justice hope to find healing for everyone in Kansas City.

The factors mentioned above as well as deaths of seven black men at the hands of the police over a short 7 month period cause have contributed to the destruction of the veil of respect for officers. We have seen a lack of accountability for police brutality and murder and this sadly has not been the goal of the current Chief.

Having a Chief use the recent incidents to down talk the circumstances of change due to racism as a talking point in these officers shootings is of poor taste. In the July 4th Kansas City Star Editorial the Chief's comments continue to show his disinterest in change. The article shined further light on how the violence has increased under Chief Smith's leadership and he ended the "No Violence Alliance" which had proven results.

This further illustrates his incompetence, nay, unwillingness to be the man Kansas City needs to hold this position. Rather than showing remorse for mistakes and aggression shown by his officers, he has doubled down, speaking out to justify attacks against peaceful, unarmed men women and children in the plaza. We strongly doubt his desire or ability to be a conciliatory and thoughtful guide for our police force.

This city cannot move forward in the healing process we so desperately need with Chief Smith being in the position he now holds with the KCPD.

It is time for a change.

Again our prayers go out to the victims of violence on both sides of the divide. We at It's Time 4 Justice will close with a quote from one of those tragically lost, and may God be with us all.

"Peace love and soul er'ybody"

[REDACTED]

From: Sheryl Ferguson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 4:11 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Commissioners Meeting Public Comments

Wow!

So much time has passed, and I know you all miss me. It was brought to my attention that no one saw my email from last month. One was sent, but maybe I did not include the Public Comments in my subject line.

But, I digress, You may already know that I joined with others to protest on your front doorstep here on 06/27/2020. Little did I know it was going to become a training session. Where should I send the bill? See in our peaceful protest, after the time the Mayor has advised this department to stand down, let us express their 1st amendment rights. What we were met with was officers who worked to agitate the protestors by ripping down our signs and throwing some of them away. Additionally they created a stand off which Rev. Fikki and myself were able to calm before it escalated.

In case you have forgotten, in February I reminded you of the painstaking talk black people have to have with their children so they can come home from a police encounter. Before Commander Cotterman arrived I continuously asked what law had we broken, to which the officers and the supervisor could never answer.

Our protest talked about the culture of the department, and the fact that the one in command of the department sets the precedent of how you interact with your customers, the citizens of Kansas City. In continuing the conversation with the Commander and Captain Roberts I learned some of the ideas I have that would make a better department are things previous Chiefs have used.

The problems that the Kansas City Star has shared over this week along with ALL the other entities should be enough to let you know this city cannot afford to continue with its current leadership.

I could go on, but I know I only get 3 minutes.

It's time to make the right call. It's time for a new Chief.

[REDACTED]

From: susan neal [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 05, 2020 1:56 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Police

Please defund the police department. Get rid of the racists and bullies that are officers. The homicide rate is rising. Black citizens are treated with disrespect and stopped more often than whites. How did the Fraternal Order of Police get such power? Why do you negotiate with them? If it is because they threaten a blue out, let it happen. KC police are more of a threat to safety than a help. Come up with a better system. Start with a freeze on hiring.

Susan Neal
Citizen and Taxpayer
[REDACTED]

susan neal
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Erica Bach [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 11:30 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Comments for July 7 meeting

I am a local teacher and long time Kansas City resident. I thank you for your time and service, and for considering these comments.

First, I am concerned that sincere measures to prevent crime will contribute to the over-policing of the Black community. Nationally, Black men are stopped, searched, arrested, charged with a felony, and imprisoned at much higher rates than white men. I could not find data for Kansas City, but can only assume it mirrors national data. What policies and procedures are put in place at the KCPD to prevent racial discrimination from happening?

Next, I inquire about issues found to correlate or contribute to violent crime. Popular opinion says that drug use results in more crime, but studies show that all races use and sell illegal drugs at the same rate. It appears a majority of gun crime in Kansas City occurs in poor Black neighborhoods. Many social scientists find the poverty and unemployment are correlated with violent crime. If this is true, how are we addressing these issues? Is the police department the most appropriate agency to charge with crime reduction?

Last, recent events have brought the issue of racially motivated police brutality to light. What is the KCPD doing to prevent the use of unnecessary force and police brutality? How is the KCPD addressing conscious and unconscious bias among police officers?

Thank you for your time,

Erica Bach

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Latahra Smith
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2020 7:21 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: FWD: June 16th Board of Commissioner Meeting / Meeting request with Chief Smith

Hello,

I am now forwarding to you my original comment/ request to the Board in which I previously submitted on the last meeting date. This comment/ request once again is my same request for today's meeting. This is now my 3rd request to have my issues addressed.

Thank you and have a blessed day!
In His Service
Latahra Smith

From: "Latahra Smith" [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Jun 15, 2020 4:32 pm
To: "bopc@kcpd.org" <bopc@kcpd.org>
Subject: June 16th Board of Commissioner Meeting / Meeting request with Chief Smith

Greetings,

My name is Latahra Smith I am a Mo. State Licensed Private Investigator and the Executive Director of the KC Freedom Project.

I have appeared before this Board on multiple occasions pertaining to the complaint I am once again making today.

I am totally disappointed with the lack of concern the KCPD has concerning the issues I have continuously brought before this Board.

During the last Board of Commissioner meeting one of you Board members instructed the KCPD to contact me concerning my request for a meeting with the department.

Immediately during the meeting I received a call from a Captain Jon Patton at which time I explained to him in detail that I had obtained witness affidavits which named a person in our community as the actual assailant who shot and killed Larry White on October 6th, 2003.

Your former Board of Commissioner President Alvin Brooks can bear witness as to the validity of one of the affidavits as he signed his signature before a notary on said affidavit.

In 2014 I provided a copy of said affidavits to Jackson County Missouri Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker and she has not investigated the matter.

Captain Patton after making initial contact with me did NOT follow through with any further communication nor did he, arrange for a meeting with me.

Currently the KCPD is allowing a cold hearted murderer to remain on the streets of Kansas City. THIS SHOULD NOT BE!

With that being said I am asking for a meeting with Chief Smith!

As I explained to Captain Patton this is not just about the wrong person being incarcerated but, it is also about the KCPD not serving and protecting the citizens of Kansas City.

When the wrong person is in incarcerated for a murder that leaves the real assailant free in the community to commit murder again.

Several of you who sit on this Board are licensed Attorneys who not only have the duty to oversee the KCPD but also, a duty to pursue justice!

Mayor Lucas, President Don Wagner, Commissioners Mark Tolbert, Cathy Dean, Nathan Garrett and David Kenner please DO NOT ignore my plea to meet with Chief Smith.

My contact information is listed below.

Thank you and have a blessed day!

In His Service

Ms. Latahra Smith



[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

From: Sheryl Shreve [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 1:46 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Support for KCPD

I am a 72 year old resident of Kansas City, Mo. I overall support the men and women of the department. I do not recommend defunding the police department. I believe most of the men and women of KCPD are honest, caring people simply trying to do their jobs.

And while racism is systemic in many parts of our society, we must not reduce the issue to an either/or issue. You can be against racism in our society and still support the police department. We can hardly do without police.

I do not favor ending state control of the department. We must remember why we have state rule in the first place. It came as a result of the corruption of local government during the Pendergast era. I am not suggesting that the current local government is corrupt, but state control eliminated the possibility in the future.

I do see the need for some reform. As I understand it, department policy does not permit the use of choke holds. I assume there is a policy against shooting into moving vehicles. If there is not, there should be.

I do believe officers are asked to do too much. When citizens have problems, they call the police for solutions. Could some problems be handled by social workers or special unarmed personnel? It may be an unrealistic solution, but I do know that police officers are asked to perform all kinds of functions. It is similar to the situation teachers face dealing with students who are hungry, abused, distraught.

I do support the training in de escalation officers receive and hope it will continue and help protect citizens and officers alike.

I believe that training in how to eliminate the instances of discrimination in the department must focus on the leadership of the department. Command staff must constantly be aware and deal with any violations that occur.

Racism is an issue whose time has come in the United States at large, and it is time to shine a light on it. The police department can be a part of the solution, but it is simplistic to suggest all the men and women of our department as the cause. It is a far more complicated issue to reduce to simply being a pro or con. We can react without over reaction.

Sheryl Shreve,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Debbie [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 2:52 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Support for our Department

Thank you for your time.

I write this to tell you that I believe the Board has a huge job . And I believe the Board has and will continue to do a good, fair and balanced job of being the Board of Police Commisioners.

My hope is that you all will continue to hear what needs to be heard, sort through the political pressures, and continue to put into place the directives that will protect our fine officers and department yet understand the injustices, perceived and real.

I like and trust our current Police Chief, better yet my police family feels the same way.

Thank you for your serving, please continue the good work and we will come through strong again.

Yours
Debbie Jones

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: KH [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 12:26 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Enough Is Enough

Good Morning,

I wanted to reach out this morning and tell you that I fully and wholeheartedly support and back our law enforcement. We have a chief of police that does absolutely everything that he can to support and defend our LEO's and he has done a fantastic job at doing just that while also working to improve community relations for our city. I am so disappointed in the way that Chief Smith and the entire department are getting thrown into the fire right now for doing their jobs of protecting the city from lawlessness and rioting/looting. Their jobs, as police officers, are to keep everyone as safe as possible. If they do not have the proper tools and/or ability to do what is necessary to keep everyone following the law safe, this city is going to have a way higher crime rate and it will be more dangerous for all citizens of Kansas City. To fault the Chief and act like he is to blame for the unrest in KC for doing exactly what he was hired to do in keeping our city AND our officers as safe as possible is disgusting and you should be ashamed of yourselves.

Also, the fact that there is an ordinance being introduced today to take over local control of the PD and it's being asked to be voted on today disappoints me. I think that this ordinance is ridiculous and should be voted against. Local control isn't the answer to all of the things going on right now, politicising the department and making it so that the officers have an even harder time doing their jobs and keeping themselves safe along with others is the worst decision that could be made. I love our city and our community, I am so thankful for the sacrifices that the officers make daily to keep our city as great as it is but all of the politics that are happening lately with all of this is so disheartening.

Please do the right thing today.

Kellen H.

[REDACTED]

From: Olivia Dumit [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 9:51 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: A Simple 'Thank You' to KCPD

To all of those working for KCPD,

I cannot thank you all enough for the tireless work you do within our city. As a daughter of a Kansas City police officer, I grew up around my father being called in at two in the morning or in the middle of a holiday. When I was younger, I believed that being a police officer seemed like a wonderful job. They kept the city safe from bad guys, my dad got to come to my school and talk to my classmates about safety, and occasionally, we would get to go visit the police horses. I never understood any of the hardships policemen faced because my dad always came home from work happy. I now realize that he is just really strong. He never let his kids see the effects his job had. We never would've guessed that that day he had to take a child away from an abusive family, or encounter the absolute worst of people. He always came home with a smile on his face. I'm so thankful for that.

Being a policeman requires a lot of strength, more than society realizes. Society fails to recognize that you all, too, are human. You come home from work and help your kids with homework, teach them to drive, ride bikes, (if you're anything like my dad, you wash our cars every single weekend, check our car oil before we leave).

These past couple of weeks have been especially hard for my family, as I know it was for every police family. We fought back tears watching our dad leave for work in his uniform knowing that he would endure many citizens at the Plaza throwing things at him and cursing at him. I couldn't imagine how it must've felt to be on the front line of it all. I was told to take my last name off of my social media accounts, and delete any posts/pictures I had of my father in uniform. It felt like we were silenced, we couldn't show our officers any of our support in fear of what the protestors would do. It wasn't fair. We felt helpless.

I know that this email delivers much quieter than all of the hatred you all have endured over the past few weeks, but understand that you have more people who support you than don't. Thank you for all you do. Thank you for the times you had to leave your families to go into work, for the hours you put in to keep our city safer, thank you for the changes you're working to make to accommodate the wishes of those who have been awful to you. I know it's not an easy job, that's why not everyone can do it. Those who do not support you, simply do not understand the weight of your jobs. Please do not feel discouraged. All the good you do, the 'Shop with a Cop', movie nights for kids..etc, do it louder. We are so proud to be a KCPD family.

Kindly,
Olivia D.

[REDACTED]

From: Sheila Rumney [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 12:50 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Board of Police Commissioners

The items that were discussed in the meeting yesterday are vital to all Kansas City, not just one section of it's populace. I am concerned regarding the rhetoric and disregard for the solemn nature of what you were discussing. Laws are in place to protect all people - stop identifying us by race, religion and neighborhood. Support our police officers and prosecute the people who break the laws. We have great police officers, who daily put their lives on the line to serve our community. Now, more than ever, we are seeing all law enforcement vilified by their own city governments, the communities that they serve and in the press - for the actions of a few. Now, we are talking about defunding them and reducing their budgets. What I have heard from Chief Smith, nothing but good - standing with his fellow officers on the line as hundreds of rioters gathered throwing rocks, frozen water bottles and fireworks. In talking with several officers, there is universal respect for him and the job he is doing. We need to support our officers and Chief Smith. Violence in certain areas of our community are almost out of control. Calling for fewer officers and reductions in budget doesn't sound like great advice.

Support and fund our police officers who make our community safe for all who live, work and visit this city.

Sincerely,

Sheila R

[REDACTED]

From: SHARON ALLEN [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 3:07 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: KCPD

I support the police.

I support Chief Smith.

And I support everything they do to keep our City safe.

Sharon Allen

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Larry Plaisted [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 12:23 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org; plaistedhl@gmail.com
Subject: Support Chief Rick Smith

I support Police Chief Rick Smith and the police officers of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department. Chief Smith should not be removed. I support the Board of Police Commissioners and the current oversight structure of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department. I support the family of Chief Smith and I support the families of all police officers. I care deeply about Kansas City and all our residents and I want the best for all Kansas Citians. I am praying for each Commissioner and I will continue to pray for each of you and your families. In God's very mysterious way, He has put each of you in the position to be a Commissioner at this very point in time. In the Bible it says in Romans 13:1,2, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God. 2 Whosoever, therefore, resists the power, resists the ordinance of God; and they that resist shall receive to themselves judgement." These are the very Words of My Mighty God and I take all of His Word, the Bible, very very seriously. Because God put each of you in your position, I believe God will therefore give each of you the wisdom and discernment to lead correctly, honestly and bravely as you consider and weigh very complicated and difficult choices and decisions. Finally, I would ask each of you to read and ponder God's words from Proverbs 2:1-12 and from Proverbs 3:1-8. I will be praying for you as you read these passages of scripture. Thank you for your attention and time. Kansas City resident Larry Plaisted

[REDACTED]

From: Will Mackey [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 1:33 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: KC Police Support

I support Chief Smith, along with the Kansas City police and everything they have done to try and keep Kansas City safe. I also believe it to be a real shame the current KC government is actually going against this by defunding the police. As you know there are many other facets that funds do allow for a better police department in serving the community, everything from better training, more training including efficient tools to do what they do.

Thank you,

Will

[REDACTED]

From: Becca Brummett [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 4:14 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: I support KCPD

Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

I want to show my support to Chief Smith and KCPD. They keep our city safe. As the board, I trust you keep them safe. Honestly, I no longer want my husband to work at KCPD because I am exhausted at the continual fear for his life. This goes beyond the recent events, but these events highlight several things. The lack of resources, the lack of support, and now the constant burden they carry to do their jobs. Their job, at times, is not a happy one. They see the worst. They do things that others have no idea. But they do it because it's their job. Their calling.

My husband will continue as he has an innate sense of justice. He does a great job at keeping the city safe. He's done more for KC than any protester. He has risked his life one more than one occasion to do what is right for this city. He has arrested murderers, rapists, and violent criminals to take them off of the streets. He makes this city safe. Along with all of KCPD. Along with the Chief.

I am asking you to support them. Be proud of KCPD. Be proud of the hard work our Chief does supporting officers. Share their successes with our city rather than any stain you can find. By supporting our officers, you will continue to keep KC safe.

Thank you

Becca B

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Joy [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 10:29 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: ***PLEASE READ*** In Support of the KCPD

June 19, 2020

To The Board of Police Commissioners:

I'm sending this letter to tell you that I support the police department, Chief Smith and everything they have done to try and keep our city safe.

These supposed peaceful protests and riots over the last few weeks have gotten out of control. I have seen the damage that the supposed peaceful protesters have caused. The damage to businesses, the trash they have left in our parks, and the items hurled at the police. This has been the very opposite of peaceful. You have put the citizens of KC in danger by allowing this to continue and not charging the criminals. Criminals are getting away with crimes they have been arrested for. I fear for my family and loved ones. You are setting a dangerous precedent in our city. Taking away police officers, police departments and cutting the budget will only make matters worse including extra work for current officers and employees.

The violence that has been allowed to occur in this city is unacceptable. You are NOT making KC a better place to live. We just want peace and kindness for EVERYONE.

Thank you,

Joy O.

[REDACTED]

From: Angelynn Warren [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 12:50 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Our Support

Thank you from all the logical citizens around the city. I am so sorry that emotions have seemed to get in the way of common sense with so many.

I used to be proud of our city. We seemed to avoid the nonsense so many other cities have had to endure. Lately, I have been sickened by the disrespect I have seen to our officers across the nation and here in my backyard. To say I am disappointed would be an understatement. I understand the opposition to the department is loud but I want the department to know that we see you. Just because you can't hear us through the noise doesn't mean that we are not here. We are just waiting. We are processing and we are watching to see what the fools will do next in their haste. We understand that much has been done to you already and I am so sorry. I support you. I appreciate you and I know many others that do as well. Although we will not attempt to burn down the city or physically harm others, we are ready to support you with our voices, our ballots and more. We will be heard.

Angela Dawn

[REDACTED]

From: Derek Ackart [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 11:21 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Please support our Police Officers

I wanted to write today to ask you to please support our Kansas City Police Officers. The world has decided that police are now bad people and that is not ok. Are there bad police officers? I am sure there are. So find them and get rid of them. To just cut funding and fire large numbers of police officers just to make a group of people happy is not the answer.

Cutting the number of police and asking the remaining officers to do more is only going to make the situation worse. The men and women of our police force already live in a world of stress I can't even begin to imagine. Adding to that stress by asking them to work more hours with less support is only going to make their ability to make good split second decisions worse.

In a year when we are on pace to have a record number of homicides I can't imagine how anyone could think that getting rid of large numbers of officers and cutting their funding would be a good idea.

Please support our officers. Get rid of the (very few) bad cops and support and better train our (many) good police officers.

Thank you

Derek Ackart
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Tasha Pruter [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 9:55 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: We need to police!!!

Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

I support the police, Chief Smith and everything they have done to try and keep our city safe. We need the police to keep our beautiful city safe. We need the police to keep our beautiful people safe. We need the police.

Respectfully,
Tasha Pruter

[REDACTED]

From: Welch, Shaylee [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 2:08 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Cc: erinsimons23@gmail.com
Subject: KCPD

Board of Police Commissioners,

When I met my husband 5 years ago and he told me that he wanted to become a police officer, I figured that was doable. When I married my husband a year ago, he had accepted his job with KCPD and I could not have been happier to be called a "Police Wife". During the time he was in the academy, I quickly realized what my role was in this organization was and his duty to this city. When he graduated from the academy, I remember pinning his badge on him along with our niece and being so proud of him and bragging about how my husband was a police officer because of the bravery and sacrifices that it takes to be one. When my husband got on break in, I joined many LEO wives groups, read many books, and quickly again realized what it means to live the "single wife cop life" life. I remember getting the text when he ran into the Plaza hotel when children had shot one another due to a drug deal that went the wrong way, I remember getting the text at 1:30 in the morning telling me he would be late due to the mass shooting that he was going to on the night of the AFC Championship win. I remember the night, my husband went to work for the first night during the riots. I remember pulling up Facebook and seeing the livestream and all the comments saying "Fuck the Cops. Burn the Cops. Kill the Cops. Save a life Kill a Cop."

Now, that I have shown you a glimpse into some of the moments that stand out the most, let me give you a little background on myself. I grew up in Kansas City, after graduating High School I moved to Nebraska to see where life would take me and to experience life outside of Kansas City. Honestly, I never had any intentions of coming back. I loved the life I had in Nebraska however my husband and I both wanted to make an impact and we didn't think that we could accomplish what we wanted in Nebraska so after many months of the hiring process, we moved to Kansas City where he became a Police officer and I became a teacher at a middle school in the inner city. Due to my job I am able to see and work with the children in our community who are most affected by poverty, drugs, low resources, and more. My students know I am married to a cop and my students frequently ask questions about it because they have never had the chance to work with our cops unless they are getting in trouble. They love to ask questions like "What does he do for fun? Did he ever make mistakes? How can you be married to a cop, you are too nice? Is your husband nice?" My students love to see the off duty cops come in and build relationships with them between class periods, while they are skipping class, and even when they get in trouble. My students are so used to not having positive interactions with police officers it's almost a shock to see them when they are not getting in trouble. My husband and I always talk about ways to "Humanize the Badge" especially when children from our community only have bad experiences with them.

But here is the deal, in August I will now go back to school to face children that I saw holding signs on top of cars that read "Kill the Cops". My students, the kids that I teach everyday, the kids that I have invested time in were holding signs wanting my husband dead. How do I send my husband to work and not freak out knowing that if he protects himself he will get put in jail for the rest of his life and if he does nothing, he will be hurt, hospitalized, or dead. While that may seem dramatic to you, I have spent hours on Conference Calls with other wives where this is happening. My husband was sitting here the other day and contemplating with a fellow officer what would be worse, getting killed or spending your life in prison and having the entire world hate you and your family. Why is he having to debate that? Why are they having to have this conversation? My husband and I just celebrated our 1 year anniversary and we have already had to set up a plan on what will happen, if something happens to him. I am 24 years old and I am having to have a conversation with my

husband about his funeral plans. A conversation that my parents haven't even had, to have yet. We live in a scary time.

My husband and I planned on having a kid this year. That's supposed to be exciting right? Every couple dreams is to build a family and he has always had the dream to pass down his Cop journal to his child or his niece when they became a cop. But, how do we bring a child into this world that is born with a target on their back due to the fathers job? How do we bring a child into this world when we have to question if he will have a job within the next year? How do we bring a child into this world when we have to worry about whether or not my husband will be killed at any time due to people hating his profession so much they would rather kill him than ignore his cop car, or follow him home?

I am sure like many of you, we are all feeling stressed, betrayed, hurt, anxious, sadness, depression, and annoyance. But, even though my husband's life is on the line every time he leaves this house, he has saved more lives than I can even imagine. He has plugged bullet holes, performed CPR, saved a man's life who slit his own wrist and neck when life became too much for him. He has stopped drug dealers and drunk drivers, all while performing his normal duties that cops perform everyday. Where would we be without officers like my husband and his fellow brothers and sisters?

Right now, we see a lot of negative things about Cops. The media allows us to only see the bad and while we love our officers for being selfless and doing their jobs, our officers truly never come out and say what they have accomplished and experienced. Unless you are a cop, you don't know what it truly means to be a cop and what they experience. Even as a cop wife, I only know what he tells me and I am just 1 wife out of the 1400 officers that Kansas City has.

Our officers have spent countless hours in the academy, in extra training, and most of them spend multiple hours a week in the weight room trying to stay in the best shape that they can so that they can be the best cop, that they can be. Our officers have success stories. Our Chief of Police not only understands what it is like to be a uniform police officer, but he also understands all aspects of police work. Like many of you know Chief Smith worked in the Robbery and Homicide Unit, he worked as part of the TAC team, and he has worked with the Planning and Research Division. He has been a commander, a leader, and a role model for many of these officers. Chief Smith has the experience and resources to keep KCPD on track during this tough time.

As a whole, we need to start looking at the positive things that our cops have done because at the end of the day, our cops have done more good than we can ever understand. Our cops go above and beyond to feed children, save lives, go to community events, and to protect the community no matter how risky the situation is. Our cops are willing to put on their uniforms and put their lives on the line so that our community can have the help they need. While it may seem like our community is against the cops, 9-1-1 calls are still coming in and people are still needing the cops to protect them.

If we get rid of our cops, we can't save lives. If we close a station our response call times go up and that isn't going to help the current situation that Kansas City is dealing with. As a teacher, I understand budget cuts. But, I also understand how budget cuts can have a negative impact on the community, despite being well intentioned. We need the police. We need them to protect us, to continue to show our community that they are more than the "bad guys" that get them in trouble. We need to be able to protect the victims of domestic violence, the children of abuse, the victims of break ins, the victims of gun shots and assaults, and the people who have given up on themselves. Our cops are willing to protect our community but we have to let them. I am scared to see our city with less cops or one less station due to this pending budget cut. I am scared to see the homicide rate continue to rise, I am scared to see how many lives our cities will lose due to response time, I am scared to see how our city will change for the worse if this change happens.

I support our cops and our Chief. I hope that you can see the good and the positive things that they honestly do no matter what the media and the politicians want you to see. I hope you have faith in the system enough to realize that cops are good and they will always be able to help a city, they will not tear down a city.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Wife

[REDACTED]

From: Denise [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 8:54 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: I support the police

Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

I support the police, Chief Smith and everything they have done to and keep our city safe. As a former Kansas City police officer this is close to my heart. Our officers need to be supported and funded. More support and funds not less.

Respectfully,
Denise F Pruter

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Debi Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 3:28 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Cc: ES
Subject: LAW ENFORCEMENT

To Whom It May Concern and especially Mayor Lucas,

Thank you for your concern and the service you offer Kansas City.

I have, sadly, been watching the news and I have to say I am SHOCKED at the lack of respect and appreciation for Law Enforcement that a lot of our country is displaying.

Please don't understand me, I am deeply saddened and disturbed by the actions taken by some Police officers!! More importantly however, I have much respect and appreciation for the good officers that are employed around our nation.

Bringing this more to the point of my letter. I implore all of you to PLEASE STOP and rationally THINK about the decisions you have & will be taking to keep our city and it's citizens safe. I can't imagine having a situation in which the police should be phoned but there is no longer the KCPD available.

I do agree that some changes should be made within the Police department to improve better relationships between the KCPD and KC's citizens. However, I can NOT support abolishing the KCPD.

I pray for the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to be with you all when looking at the changes to be made and especially when these changes are voted on. I pray that God will continue to protect and bless the United States and I pray that from all the recent events we've seen and experienced nation wide that we would come out of this a better nation.

Thank you for your time!

Basking in HIS glory,
Debi Johnson

[REDACTED]

From: Janeen Wright [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 8:05 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Support of Law Enforcement Officers

June 21, 2020

To The Board of Police Commissioners:

I'm sending this letter to tell you that I support the police department, Chief Smith and everything they have done to try and keep our city safe.

These supposed peaceful protests and riots over the last few weeks have gotten out of control. I have seen the damage that the supposed peaceful protesters have caused. The damage to businesses, the trash they have left in our parks, and the items hurled at the police. This has been the very opposite of peaceful. You have put the citizens of KC in danger by allowing this to continue and not charging the criminals and criminals are getting away with crimes they have been arrested for. I fear for my family and loved ones. You are setting a dangerous precedent in our city. Taking away police officers, police departments and cutting the budget will only make matters worse including extra work for current officers and employees.

The violence that has been allowed to occur in this city is unacceptable. You are NOT making KC a better place to live. We just want peace and kindness for EVERYONE.

Thank you

Janeen

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

[REDACTED]

From: Nichol Bridges [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 5:44 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Thank you.

First of all, thank you to the women and men on the police force who do their jobs well. I am reaching out to you as a Kansas City native. I am so, so sad to see the horrible, embarrassing, and disgusting behavior of certain police officers. I know that there many are working hard to change this behavior, but I continue to hear about friends of mine being mistreated, abused, and brutalized. Can you help me understand what will be done to prevent this from happening going forward? Thank you.

Nichol Hires Bridges
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Alex Monachino [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 8:50 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Thank you

Dear Board of Police Commissioners and KCPD officers,

I just wanted to thank all of you and your fellow officers for feeling called to be an officer of the law. I hope that this email elicits hope and faith in those that you risk your lives for every time you put on your uniform. I could ramble on but the biggest takeaway is thank you. Thank you for protecting us all, even if there are some that are ungrateful. Do not let the hate and negativity sway you from the job that you felt a calling for. Know that there are more that care about your wellbeing than you realize. Know that you have so many praying for you all; for your safety, for your compassion, even when it is so much easier to give into hate, and for your families. You don't HAVE to do this job, you CHOOSE to do this job and my family and I are so thankful for you. I am so sorry that you are on the receiving end of ignorance and violence. I hope that you are all safe and finding joy in each and every day. Again, thank you for allowing me to worry less about my safety and the safety of my family and friends. Take care of yourselves and each other and rest easier knowing that you are still needed, you are still wanted, and your safety and wellbeing matters to your community too.

Sincerely,
Alex M.

[REDACTED]

From: Mike Nichols [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 11:19 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Support our Police Department Please!

To the Board of Police Commissioners,

I've been a resident of Kansas City my entire life, 38 years. I'm trying to understand why we are going to allow people who have done criminal acts to our city, the police force that defends it, it's citizens, and it's business owners to go free for their crimes. I'm sorry but that is just crazy. Does that mean I'm going to get a free get of jail card the next time i'm upset with something that our City Council says or does?! I'm serious, that's what you are doing here. This is going to create huge issues down the road for us citizens who abide by the laws that are set in place to protect our human rights. Allowing these people to go free who have infringed upon our city is a criminal act in itself. This is aiding and embedding these criminals by saying it's okay, you were just upset because life isn't fair! Everyone in this great country has the opportunity to make something of themselves. I don't care what your race, ethnicity, religion, sex, etc... If you are willing to roll up your sleeves and work hard you can make it in this city and as far as you want to go in life. Please don't allow these criminals the satisfaction of letting them free just because they are going to say you don't think their lives matter. What about my life and what matters to it. Like supporting our police department who I feel has done a great job my entire life of making me feel comfortable and safe in my city. I've never been a gun person my whole life but I will tell you this, I'm carrying everywhere I go now. Because of the acts of the protesters in our city and across the country and the police force being scrutinized to the point where cities are beginning to defund the one group that has protected it or threaten them to the point where they are walking off the job. Please tell me this, what are you going to do when there are no police to protect you? What are you going to do when the protesters come to your home and begin to throw bricks and frozen water bottles at you and destroy and steal things from your property? You, going to just let them go free because they were just upset at something you said or even better something that you had no part of but they group you together because of your profession? You all need to make the right call here and back the very people who serve and protect you and the rest of us law abiding citizens. If you don't I feel that things are going to escalate even more because these criminals are going to feel like they are empowered by your support of allowing criminal actions to go without any consequences. What do you think is going to happen when the law abiding citizens get fed up? Please consider your actions and support our police department who has done great through this entire media driven issue. We can't allow idle threats from criminals to make us cower down from doing the right thing and protecting the people and businesses that make Kansas City what it is.

Does my life matter? Your actions determine all of our fates! Please take all of our lives into consideration when you make the decisions that affect ALL OF US! WE ALL MATTER, NOT JUST THOSE WHO LOOT, PILLAGE, AND ATTACK OUR PROTECTORS!

--
Mike Nichols
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Andrea Wooten [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 12:50 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Please Support KCPD
Attachments: Dear Board of Police Commisioners.docx

Hello,

Please review my attached letter in support of KCPD.

Thank you,

Andrea

Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

It has come to my attention that KCPD is not being well supported. Our police department needs funding and support now more than ever. Great police officers are hard to find because their pay is low considering the amount of stress and risk involved in their jobs. I don't want the amazing officers Kansas City has had for years to quit. We need police to keep our city safe. I really hope that our city will not become like Seattle where it takes 18 minutes for the police to respond to a call. Why did it take generous donors from our community to provide KCPD with body cameras? It seems that the city needs to make cuts in other places to properly fund KCPD.

I support the police, Chief Smith and everything they have done to try and keep our city safe. I believe if you actually surveyed the general population in Kansas City, instead of listening to a couple hundred radical protesters, that you would know that the majority of our city still supports the police.

I have never worried for the safety of my family and the citizens of my community like I do today.

Sincerely,

Andrea W.

[REDACTED]

From: Lauren wagner [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 3:57 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: KCPD Letter
Attachments: BoPC Letter.docx

To the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners,

Attached is my letter addressing KCPD's responses to the protest and my proposal requests moving forward.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Lauren C.

Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

First, and foremost, I want the board to know I appreciate every Kansas City Police Department officer, member and staff. All the extremely long hours and hard work during COVID-19 and the further the protest and/or riots shows that KCPD has a strong willed and amazing unit protecting KC. I'm proud to have KCPD as my police department and I wish I could personally thank each and every one of them. I pray they continue to stay safe and return home to their family every night because with or without their uniform each one of them is human, no matter their age, race or gender.

With my appreciate said, there needs to be change in this city and that's where you come in. Every day that passes, police officers and staff, along with their families are finding it harder to live. By live, I generally mean, have a life outside of the uniform. Officers used to be respected for gearing up and putting on the uniform to protect society, however that respect no longer exists. Officers protect those around them that need them most, without reserve. However, society and the world around them are rapidly changing to placing police as the "enemy". The world is forgetting they too are human, with loved ones at home, please don't be a part of the problem, remember they are human just like you and I. A police officer must second guessing putting on their uniform, leaving their family behind without knowing if they will return home safe at night. At the end of their shift, if they are lucky enough to return home, they fear someone could have followed them, or their address could be compromised, making not only them but their family vulnerable to attack by those who see them as evil or the enemy. Ultimately, police officers fear for safety of their lives and their families while on and now off duty, they fear prosecution for doing their jobs and now they fear they could lose their job or pay cut due to the new budget cuts. This is a dangerous trifecta that could ultimately cause damage to an officer's physical, mental or emotional wellbeing.

I pray, beg, plead and request that you as a board protect them, support them, and thank them for their hard work day in and day out. As a board: They need your support. They need a boost to their moral. They need to know you all care for them, and that you are there for them in all times. I know that you have a tough job, so do they, so I ask that while you perform your duties you do so with care and understanding this isn't about politics or societal pressure. This is about reforming the justice system to maintain an equal balance without shifting discrimination into reverse discrimination. Please keep the balance of the justice system and know that officers are humans too that make up the citizens of this city as well.

Therefore, I request:

1. When the board reviews policies and procedures, they do it with the understanding that it's not all about societal image or pressure for a specific change because one "side" is asking for it without reviewing the situation in its entirety. Intense due diligence needs to be completed before making and taking shift actions in the world of KCPD policies and procedures.
 - a. Specifically, with addressing excess force, the officers need to be able to protect themselves in all events. Taking away countermeasures could look good on paper but in real life ultimately result in a more dangerous position for the officer, the opponent or others in society. For example, not being able to counter the use of a taser, if the officer was tased it could make him/her unable to defend the suspect from gaining hold of their duty

weapon and thus causing more problems allowing a criminal to access the officers weapon. Thus, I again propose when addressing counter measures or excess force the board allow the officers to continue to protect themselves and those around them without creating a trump that would always leave them defense-less.

- b. When the board reviews de-escalation tactics, they weight both "sides" of the "line". What I mean by that is, yes, the media and protestors want officers to not be in intense gear because of the image it broadcasts, but it also is important for the officer to be safe when doing their job. Even this last round of protests, an officer is in the hospital despite having on her helmet therefore, the gear is essential part of protecting a human life. Secondly, de-escalation again looks good on paper as we sit and address in nice calm seated positions, however, at an intense protest that could turn to a riot in seconds it's not suitable. The officers need to be able to defend, and I mean defend themselves when attacked. They should not be pawns in a game or standing defensive-less targets, because again they are not robots, they are humans. Officers need the right to defend themselves and their partners and ensure the situation does not escalate or evolve into more dangerous circumstances.
2. When the board reviews budget cuts and recruiting officers for KCPD, the board remembers their actions could result in a loss of moral and needs to show support for their officers at the end of the day if they want to maintain a happy compliant workforce. Having heard Mayor Lucas address his qualm of no longer recruiting for KCPD, I understand the need for more diverse officers and to continue to show the KCPD is an all-inclusive culture. Therefore, my suggestion is Kansas City remove the police residency requirement. Removing the requirement has no negative impact on the budget but can allow the department to expand it's recruiting process to gain the diversity its seeking. Also, this could be a gesture of good faith to current KCPD officer's and staff that you want them to continue to serve and protect KC but have the freedom to live outside the city and feel safe at home without the uniform. Officer's safety at home could help both boost their moral, ease their worries at home thus allowing them to return to protect the city as needed without negatively effecting the budget. This is a simple fix that could be implemented immediately thus, I request while the budget cut is inevitable, the city provide the officers to live freely and in return boost diverse recruiting.

Thank you for your time reviewing my letter and my requests above. I would be happy to address any questions or concerns you may have. Finally, thank you for your hard work, and a huge thank you to KCPD for their continued efforts to protect the city of Kansas City.

Sincerely,

Lauren C.

[REDACTED]

From: Lisa Brock [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 11:40 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Back the Blue

To the Board of Police Commissioners,

“Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing.”

It would seem that this is what our city leadership is proposing by taking away the ability and responsibility of our Kansas City Police Department to do its job. The actions taken by police during the rioting and protesting two weeks ago need to be supported by Mayor Lucas and other city leaders.

Taking away the police department’s ability to keep law and order in our city, and to keep themselves safe from harm, is sending a message to every KC resident that it is acceptable to disrespect and disregard authority. This is not what we have taught our children and it is not what our children are teaching their children. Actions have consequences.

Unfortunately, many parents have raised and are raising their children with a lack of respect for authority and we are seeing the results...young adults throwing objects at police, disregarding instructions from police, and screaming in the faces of our police officers who are trying to keep them safe and law abiding citizens.

We are in no way supportive of police brutality or police abusing their authority. We would want those participating to be held accountable. However, the KCPD officers’ actions should not come under scrutiny because those who broke the law are whining about the consequences.

What we do want is for our son-in-law and all KCPD officers to be able to protect themselves from harm, if necessary, and keep KC safe from those that consider themselves above the law.

We did not live in KC during the last elections so did not vote for or against any leaders in KC, but we will be voting in future elections. We will be watching the actions of current leaders, and would-be leaders, and voting for those who stand behind our KCPD.

Sincerely,
Barry and Lisa Brock

[REDACTED]

From: Craig/Linda Knouse [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:22 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Encouragement

My name is Craig Knouse, I am a retired KCPD Commander and the former Chief of Police of Liberty, Missouri. I have been actively following the developing situations related to our community and feel compelled to simply let you know that I think the Department as a whole has acted in the best way possible during this time, given the situations they were put in by people who were motivated to do more than just exercise their 1st Amendment rights.

I know that as the members appointed to oversee the Department's operations, your job in this serious environment is just as difficult in its own way as the job of our front-line officers. As has been the case for many decades, I believe that you too are doing the best you can under the circumstances. It is the Department's job to protect the citizens of Kansas City and in no small measure, it is your job to protect the Department.

Change is not always a bad thing, but change without careful consideration of the results can be counter-productive.

Having a nearly 30 year career with KCPD, and then working for nearly 9 years as a Chief of Police under the control of local politicians has given me a realistic view of the difference. While my time in Liberty was, for the most part rewarding, I can't say that I miss the numerous phone calls from city officials, City Council members and other local government officials asking me to have my officers conduct operations and respond to perceived issues that if handled as requested would have resulted in lawsuits or worse. What I found was that in many cases, these officials simply "didn't know what they didn't know" and because of their position, believed that they could use the Police Department the same as using Public Works to respond to a "pot-hole" type issue. With that said, I ask you, as a group, to carefully consider the current outcry to have the department placed under "city control".

I would like to end my message by telling you that I support Chief Smith. His job is a thankless one but one that I think he has done well so far. Back when he was just a patrol officer, my mentor, retired Chief Floyd Bartch, told us to "keep an eye on this one, I think he is capable of doing great things." When Floyd Bartch said things to me, I listened.

Thanks for listening to an old "retired guy".

Sincerely,

Craig L Knouse

[REDACTED]

From: Jennifer Wolz [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 6:57 PM
To: MayorQ@kcmo.org; Hall, Heather; O'Neill, Kevin; Loar, Teresa; Justis, Amy; Ellington, Brandon; Robinson, Melissa; Shields, Katheryn; Bunch, Eric; McCoy, Keema; Pearson, Angela; Katrina.foster@kcmo.orh; Wickham, Fred; Sanders, Marilyn
Subject: support KPCD

Ok I pretty much feel not a single person reads these emails. This is my third week of sending so I'm pretty sure you all could be on my Christmas card list at this rate.

This week the tension in my police household has changed some. Why because my husband was within 10 days of retirement. Yet he didn't feel confident in returning--Because, he feel any of the officers are one move away from being looked at as a criminal! Why? Why has Kansas City become this way?

I run a nice home business. A business that now has to take on more household responsibilities due to your lack of respect to our officers.

They knew there would be worries/issues with the COVID situation and the overtime involved with that. Then comes the riots. I was a firm believer in the news. I watch the local news each day. Well each day now I'm more and more frustrated. First everything was covid/covid/covid. Then the riots started. My husband wasn't on the front line - thank goodness! yet he was with less than half of his squad trying to cover one of the busiest crime ridden divisions. Did we hear of all the murders during riot times? NOPE. Has any media interviewed any side byt the BLM/pro rioters side? I sure didn't see much.

I feel there are extreme double standards in this situation. BLM...Do I know what it's like being black---nope, do I know what it's like to be gay/leisban? Nope. I do know what it's like to have a husband who misses family events/holidays due work. I have been seeing the craziness that these few weeks have brought. Taking away the rebel flag for NASCAR/removing Aunt Jimima from stupid pancake boxes, you all thinking of renaming one of our fountains? All things maybe big to some, whereas I think we learn for the history --- spending bunches of money our city doesn't have by renaming streets/fountains. STUPID. So in college for instance there are sororities and fraternities are all all african american? IF a group started a white only sorority or fraternity you know for sure they would be sued/brought up on charges one that idea? Isn't that a double standard also?

What you are doing isn't helping our city ITS not. Say for instance 15 years ago when my husband when to EPD days --- he had 12-15 people in his sector. SIX SIX people is a good day now? How can that be? Well-no

officers are filling the empty spots. So now your thinking hey lets not do an academy for 2 years...Who would want to join now? Dumb. Grow and rebuild. Just like the Royals do Do they not get any new players for 2 years NOPE they get young new blood that have fresh outlooks.

Really hoping someone will take time to read these.

These last few weeks ---shoot all of 2020 seems like a span of 5 years.

Respectfully yours
Jennifer Wolz

small business owner
wife of kcpd officer for over 21 years.

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Jennifer Wolz

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 1:29 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Police Defunding

June 24, 2020

RE: Police Defunding

To whom it may concern:

I am the sister of a retired Kansas City Police Officer of 30 years. He was proud to be an officer and his family was just as proud. He was nearly beaten to death by his own baton after approaching three men in a parking lot trying to break into a car. He suffered a fracture skull, along with other injuries but after recovering he returned to his job.

I can't imagine not having a police force. Our officers are giving their lives for us and their rights should not be taken away. The mayor should be supportive to the chief and the officers that are beating the streets to protect and service.

God Bless!

Sincerely,

Karen Manning

[REDACTED]

From: Erin Decker [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 10:27 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Budget cuts

To whom it may concern:

i just wanted to respectfully let you know that reducing the police force by 212 positions is not the best way to cut the requested \$10 million from the budget. The media is telling us to take issue with the police right now, but we all know that each and every one of those positions is needed. We NEED officers out there enforcing the laws. I ask that you not roll over and let the media dictate contrary to what you know is true. I'm sure changes need to be made to disciplinary hearings and the like, but the majority of your force are good, honorable people. Taking away the jobs of those who live to serve is not the answer.

i am not a resident of the city of Kansas City, but i spend a lot of time there visiting family, friends, and businesses. I would feel less safe knowing the Police Commissioning Board cares more about what people think than what they need. The media and many of our aera citizens are acting like children right now, making unrealistic demands. Be the reasoning, able-minded adults and put your foot down. Stand firm.

Thank you,
Erin Decker
Citizen of Lee's Summit, MO

[REDACTED]

From: Amanda O'Conner [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 12:51 PM
To: mayorQ@kcmo.org; Hall, Heather; O'Neill, Kevin; Loar, Teresa; Justis, Amy; Ellington, Brandon; Robinson, Melissa; Shields, Katheryn; Bunch, Eric; McCoy, Keema; Pearson, Angela; Foster, Katrina; Wickham, Fred; Sanders, Marilyn; bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: KCPD Budget

Dear Mayor Lucas, City Council, and Board of Police Commissioners,

It was announced yesterday that due to a city budget emergency that you plan to cut KCPD's budget by 4.5% which is roughly \$10 million dollars. This on top of the discussion from protesters wanting to defund the Police department so that money could be reallocated to other social services for the community would be a huge hit to the safety of our citizens and our community.

There were a couple options that were discussed to make that \$10 million dollar cut. The first discussed was shutting down either Center, Metro, or East Patrols with the two stations that remain absorbing the call volume. Our Officers already deal with a high amount of calls on the regular with three stations open let alone if you close one of those stations and go down to two. I am assuming that shutting down a station means that the equipment, cars, Officers, and units that are located at that station are let go as well? Therefore the city is down Officers and the Officers are down equipment as well as much needed resources to do their job. The stress this would put on our Officers, not to mention the risk to their safety to not be properly staffed and well equipped for their jobs is unacceptable. I feel it is also flat out irresponsible of you as the leaders of Kansas City to force our Officers into this type of situation. To put them in the position of having to go to work to provide for their families in a department that does not have the adequate funds to provide them with what they need to do their job properly.

The second option that was discussed was cutting 212 sworn Officers as well as cancelling the next three years worth of academy classes which means getting rid of current Officers and then not allowing for any new additional Officers. This is something that as the department is already underfunded as it is, it is also already understaffed. So the idea of cutting additional positions then not hiring anyone else for three years sure puts a freeze on the movement to promote change within the department. Inviting the community to rise up and become a Police Officer themselves is impossible if there aren't any academy classes for the next three years. We can't get rid of the bad Officers to bring in the good Officers if there isn't the ability to put the new Officers into the academy for appropriate training.

What happens when our Officers decide to leave the department from the stress of this job and lack of resources? What if they are injured or worse killed in the line of duty because there aren't enough of them to handle each call? Eventually over the next three years we will have less and less Officers and more and more crime.

Mayor Lucas himself posted that "Violent crime remains a significant challenge as well. Homicides in Kansas City up 36% this year. Non-fatal shootings in the month of May up 74%". So far this year in Kansas City there have been 115 deaths from homicides and yet only 28 deaths from Covid-19. Just in case anyone forgot we have been living the last four months in a pandemic!!! Don't you think that these numbers are telling of how much we need KCPD to be well staffed and equipped to handle the crime that is in our community? I would hate to see how high these numbers would get without KCPD around.

My point is that making these budget cuts especially at a time like this when protesters are already wanting to defund or even deband our Police Departments is incredibly dangerous for our Officers, our community, and our futures. Please find another way to make your city budget work. Taking money away from those who serve and protect you is not one of them.

Sincerely,
Amanda O'Conner
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: rettone [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 7:35 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org

Do not cut police force!

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S10+.

[REDACTED]

From: Jami Bailey [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 8:40 PM
To: MayorQ@kcmo.org; Hall, Heather; O'Neill, Kevin; Loar, Teresa; Justis, Amy; Ellington, Brandon; Robinson, Melissa; Shields, Katheryn; Bunch, Eric; McCoy, Keema; Pearson, Angela; Katrina.foster@kcmo.orh; Wickham, Fred; Sanders, Marilyn; bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: KCPD

Dear Mr Mayor, City Counsel Members, and KC Board of Police Commissioners,

I am writing in regards to the proposed budget cuts to Kansas City Police Department. \$10 MILLION Dollars. I think you need to figure out how to find money for our first responders instead of constantly taking it away!

You keep saying you want more qualified and better qualified police officers, budget cuts won't get you any of those things. [REDACTED]

Other departments are having cuts too? Well, have you all given up your pay raise you voted in favor of for yourselves? You're taking money from other departments, and first responders to partially pay for your raises!

Our Police Chief has done an absolutely amazing job with what you have given him! He is invested with KCPD no matter how much abuse you all give him! You all need to treat him with the respect he deserves! You can't give a man pennies and expect gold!!

How can you justify taking even more money from KCPD when you had a HUGE cut last year!? Stop frivolously spending money on pet projects!! The infrastructure of this city is the first responders! Do you want crime to go up even more? Do you honestly think stations who are spread as thin as possible will be able to run calls even thinner? Think about it! What if it was YOUR family member in need- keep waiting! Guess what, no one can come! They're busy and there aren't any officers in the area because you closed a station and cut police officers.

Would YOU work harder and longer for less pay? Do you honestly think things will get done if you were working for less pay? Or if your duties were spread too thin to properly do your job?

Sincerely,
Jami B.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Vinita Carey [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 10:10 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Budget cuts

Just want to ask you not to place in effect budget cuts to the KCPD. I fully support our police officers and the police chief and our city needs them!
Thank You

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Laura Bishop [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 8:52 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: We back the blue

Greetings,

Please don't cut the budget for the police, we need the police! If anything we need to up the budget and give more training, if that is the concern of everyone. I support our Kansas City Police Department and all the men and women that put their lives on the line to protect us.

God bless us all!
Laura Bishop

[REDACTED]

From: Kim Sincox [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 2:30 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org; mayorQ@kcmo.org; O'Neill, Kevin; Loar, Teresa; Justis, Amy; Ellington, Brandon; Robinson, Melissa; Shields, Katheryn; Bunch, Eric; McCoy, Keema; Pearson, Angela; Foster, Katrina; Wickham, Fred; Sanders, Marilyn
Subject: Police

Good Afternoon

As a registered voter in Kansas City. I am very unsettling to hear of defunding our police force. We already do NOT have enough officers to police our streets. Call times are ridiculously long due to the amount of calls these officers handle. This is dangerous!!! Instead I ask that you support our officers. STOP BLAMING THEM! KCPD HAS SOME OF THE FINEST OFFICERS IN AMERICA! TREAT THEM WITH RESPECT! ALLOW THEM TO DO THEIR JOB! HOLD YOUR PROSECUTORS AND JUDGES ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE COUNTLESS OFFENDERS!

I will be watching and will remember at voting time.

Kim Sincox
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Lauri Shippers [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 9:53 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Response to plan reducing officers

My name is Lauri Shippers my husband and I are tax paying law abiding residents. 8604 E 78th terr KCMO. I lived in Blue Springs for most of my life before marrying and moving to my husband's house. It's been an adjustment while I see the challenges of the KCPD. Change is not only the responsibility of our nation's PD but that of all communities, ministry/political leaders and ethnic groups to come together in organized meetings to discuss how we can all support each other and produce change. I fully believe the impact of fatherless children in some communities is a major factor in our current social unrest. I'm no expert while I've witnessed it in my neighborhood. How does the KCPD have compassion while still taking a stand against lawlessness.

With that said as a taxpayers we strongly disagree and can't support a reduction and/or dismantling of our KCPD and will consider moving to the country and taking our taxes elsewhere if these plans are implemented.

[REDACTED]

From: Gretta Bogaard [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 12:53 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org

I am concerned about the proposed budget cuts, staff reduction of police personnel, and potential shutdown of an inner city police station.

We need to keep our city and all the residents of every race, ethnicity, and economic level safe. To reduce police presence and thereby effectiveness will only serve to increase law breaking and reduce safety.

We need to reduce the dangerous levels of crime in Kansas City. Reducing police presence is not a logical way to achieve this goal.

Sincerely,
Gretta Bogaard

[REDACTED]

From: M charlotte Schoen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 4:34 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Defunding KC Police

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this because I am appalled at what is happening in our country, our cities and in YOUR city!!! I cannot believe that we/you are letting this happen!! Black lives matter but Black Lives Matter is a totally different matter... ALL lives matter.... I'm white, NOT "privileged white", just plain white, and MY life matters too but you don't see me or a group of demonstrators out there looting, screaming profanities at the police trying to maintain the peace, or burning down places of businesses that have nothing to do with BLM!! And then you are considering defunding the police!!!...what are you thinking? A police department of probably 99% GOOD cops and you're not standing WITH them and defending them?? One of the nations top Police Departments??!!! The KCPD has been understaffed for years and it just keeps getting worse.. They all need raises - not defunding - for risking their lives every day for you and your citizens of KC!! And if you don't back your officers, and don't stand up for them, and support them, then I'd like to know "where is your backbone???" Where is the officer safety?? Who would even want to be a Law Enforcement Officer these days.. You need to be supporting our officers! Stop blaming them....KC has some of the finest officers in America! Treat them with respect!! Allow them to do their job! You need to hold your prosecutors and judges accountable for the countless offenders instead of just turning them back out on the streets!! And now, in your Accountability Measures, you want to restrict the use of tear gas and other means of controlling riots??! What do you suggest they do?? What are they to do when bricks are thrown at them, when frozen water bottles are thrown at them or rocks, or they are attacked.. Are they to just stand back and let it happen?? What kind of message do you think that sends to the rioters, looters, protesters, criminals....do it once, don't get in trouble so they do it again!!

This is ridiculous that top officials are apologizing and bowing down everywhere to every demand the BLM makes.. Make KC an exception and an example!! If you don't take a stand NOW before it gets any more out of control, there will be no stopping them. Then what is your plan to maintain order!!

Cops make mistakes..we all do...but they are always played up in the media and by BLM as the bad guy when usually the perpetrator hasn't done what is asked of them, has a criminal record ...sometimes a mile long.. but is that ever told?? No...you can see that in the George Floyd and Rayshard Brooks cases.. I'm not saying what happened in Floyd's case was right by any means.. that was absolutely wrong and despicable.. Brooks case...well, it was all peaceful, why did he have to run?? Do we expect the police to let him go?? So I'd say a lot of blame is on Brooks! (My personal opinion). LEOs are the good guys 99% of the time...there are just a few bad apples in the bunch and that is what the media and BLM are putting out there and causing so much unrest..

So in closing, please think twice before even considering defunding your police department...stand up to whomever is pushing for it and DEFEND YOUR MEN IN BLUE !!! Show some support!!!

A Very Concerned Citizen

Char S.
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Valerie Gautieri [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 12:39 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Board of Commissioners Vote on Chief Smith

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Board of Police Commissioners
1111 Locust St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Commissioners:

Please do not remove Chief Smith from his post in the Police Department. Since he has been in the position, I have seen him make a difference within the communities that are served by the department. I have witnessed officers speaking to his service and leadership. He is respected not only by men and women who serve under him but I would go so far to say also that myself and my neighbors, and the various communities that he supports believe he deserves kudos for his service as Chief. He has unified units within the department. He has rooted out and made assignment changes to remedy shortcomings within the department. These changes have improved handling of cases.

Chief Smith needs help; he needs support, not to be torn down. The issues we are facing now are not the fault of one entity. They are problems we must take on as a community. I think Chief Smith deserves our support. I respectfully ask that you consider all the good he has done and allow him to continue his duties as Chief.

Sincerely,

Valerie Gautieri

[REDACTED]

From: Amanda O'Conner [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 10:59 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Chief Smith

Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

I want it to be known that there are so many of us who stand behind Chief Rick Smith and the work that he does for the Kansas City Missouri Police Department. You have received much opposition and many asking for his resignation over how the protests were handled. Let me be one of the voices to say that I stand with Chief Smith.

I had the pleasure of meeting Chief Smith when I attended the Citizens Academy two years ago. He was incredibly genuine in wanting to know each person in the room and why they were there. Chief Smith told us about his life and dedication to KCPD over his many years of service. The amount of genuine care he has for the organization and the Officers that serve in it is clear by the way he speaks publicly about KCPD.

Since becoming Chief the big difference my husband and I have seen between him and others who have served in that position is that he always puts the Officers first. The amount of leadership and immense sacrifice that takes when you are the head of an organization like KCPD with all of the political acts to balance alongside it has got to be incredibly difficult, but Chief Smith does a fabulous job.

My husband worked 11 out of 12 nights of the protests being there anywhere from 10 to 16 hours per shift. Upon his return after I had hugged him, thanked God for him being home, and listened to him talk about what it was like he would always share, "Do you know who was there the entire time? Chief Smith". He would tell me about how Chief Smith was down on the frontlines elbow to elbow with the Officers, checking in with them, helping to hold the line if needed, give breaks, check in at the debriefings, etc. My husband would say, "I bet that man hasn't slept in days, but he has been there to lead each and every day, right down there with us. He is a leader of leaders".

Chief Smith already had my support, but through all of this knowing how he not only held the line with our Officers, but also stood up for our Officers during press conferences, and then sat through the meeting yesterday explaining everything reliving each of those days of the protests well Chief Smith has my full respect. Chief Smith will put in the work to make better policies and procedures in the future because he believes in our Officers, Department, and the great place that is Kansas City.

Please read this and know that I think Chief Smith is the best leader, best choice, and best Chief for the Kansas City Missouri Police Department. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Amanda O'Conner

[REDACTED]

From: Judy [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 10:40 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Chief Rick Smith

Rick Smith needs to remain the Chief of Police. He has done a lot for the community and the dept and because he doesn't brag about his achievements, people don't realize it! Changing Chief of Police now would not help anything.

Thanks

Judy C

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Jean M Jacobs [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:17 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Rick Smith

Please please retain Chief Rick Smith to the KCPD. Coming from a police family I know how important it is to have a leader like Rick Smith, honest, loyal to his department as well as his staff and still remember how things have changed his his early days as a PO. It takes an army of good people to run a great department during good times and bad. Not every employee is as dedicated as others nor should they be made to receive the same treatment as others who don't have the same qualities, passion and dedication of the job! Chief Smith possess these qualities and should remain as our Chief.

Respectfully Jeanne Jacobs

Jeanne Jacobs
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:50 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Keep our Chief

To whom it may concern on the Board,

Please do NOT fire our police chief. Yes, some things may need to be changed, but we need to keep Chief Rick Smith to instigate and lead that change. Firing the chief will not serve the purpose of making the progress and changes that are needed and requested by peaceful protesters. Chief Smith needs to be at the helm taking charge of the changes that are needed to rid our police department of any institutional racism that may or may not be present.

Elizabeth Boman

Kansas City, Missouri Northland resident

[REDACTED]

From: Jackson Bonar [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:50 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: RICK SMITH

We are requesting Rick Smith remain as Chief of Police as we feel this would be in the best interest of the city at this time.

Thanks...

Jackson L Bonar

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Wescott [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 7:20 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Rick Smith

We support Rick Smith as KCPD Chief during these troublesome times. Let him continue to do his job.

Gary and Diana Wescott
Kansas City, MO

[REDACTED]

From: Amanda O'Conner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:48 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Chief Smith

Good morning Mayor Lucas. I watched the clip of you on fox 4 news talking about our Chief being the reason as to why our rate of violent crime is so high and that his time as Chief is "on the clock" because of it. I can hardly believe that you can point the finger at one man, one leader as being the reason for the high violent crime rate in Kansas City. There are multiple people to blame for this problem Mr. Mayor and we both know this. These numbers were high for our city well before George Floyd and all that has followed with the BLM movement. None of which would be left to being only the responsibility of Chief Rick Smith. I would first like to point out the Jackson County Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker who has a less than 25% prosecution rate in the last year. Perhaps if violent criminals were actually being tried and put away for their crimes they wouldn't be on the streets to continue to commit additional crimes. Also, others wouldn't be encouraged to commit crimes because they would see that there are consequences for your actions. JPB has done nothing to assist Jackson County in reducing our crime rate. Then the criminals in our community see our city council vote in a city ordinance that frees 200 people from facing the charges brought against them in due process of law. Such a slippery slope Mr. Mayor. If people get away with charges of assault on Officers and property damage from our city leaders how can you expect to be taken seriously with the real criminals? They laugh it off and do what they want because they know that if they get caught they won't get prosecuted or could argue their way out or will get the smallest amount of time bc we are not allowed to have our own city jail. Another reason we don't always succeed in getting criminals put away all of the time: we have nowhere to put them. You are cutting more resources from the budget, more equipment, more Officers from a department that is already short and overwhelmed with the amount of calls and crime they are dealing with. Not to mention the general public aren't cooperating with Police on investigations because they already know that the bad guy will not be prosecuted and then in return they will be retaliated against for talking. So, I believe Mr. Mayor, it is a blessing you have more than one finger because you will need all of them to be pointing at all parties involved in reasons behind why there is a rise in violent crimes for Kansas City. Please remember that the Police FOP and KCFD Union supported you in your run for Mayor and as I watched your documentary as your ran for Mayor it very much seemed like you wouldn't have made it without our endorsements. You go back and forth between having the Police backs and then throwing us under the bus the next. I am sure it can be hard to be in the middle as you are. I would highly encourage you to do some ride alongs to see what it is REALLY like out there preferably at PM or dogwatch shifts. I believe you would learn a lot about our Officers and our community. But know that Chief Smith has been an incredible Chief to all of our Officers and I am proud he is our Chief.

[REDACTED]

From: Rue Jean [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:55 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Attn: Cathy Dean

Hello,
My name is Rue Spence, I'm a resident of Kansas City, Missouri.
I demand Chief Rick Smith be removed from his position.
Guilty or innocent a person doesn't deserve to die while in police custody.

Sincerely,
Rue Spence
Kansas City, Missouri
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Mariah [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:05 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Police Chief Rick Smith's Resignation

Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

I'm requesting the resignation of Police Chief Rick Smith for the following reasons:

- Rick Smith purposefully impedes investigations of KCPD officers and rejects routine requests for criminal complaints against police for misconduct and brutality.
- Smith continues to withhold probable cause statements regarding the killings of Cameron Lamb, Donnie Sanders, and other victims of brutality by KCPD. Not only does he obstruct investigations against police, but he also puts cops with a history of violence back on the streets.
- Additionally, questions have been raised by Lee Merritt, Esq. (attorney for the Lamb and Sanders families) regarding knowledge of KCPD officers planting guns.
- In April of this year, Jackson County Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker wrote a letter to police chief Smith, calling him out for limiting her ability to file charges against killer KCPD officers. Her letter stated that withholding probable cause statements created the appearance of a cover-up. With that knowledge, it is unreasonable and unethical to not only allow Rick Smith to keep his job but also to not hold him criminally accountable for obstructing justice.

Our city needs accountability. It needs to trust that there are consequences for obstructing justice. We need to know there's a better way to enforce peace in our community.

Thank you for your advocacy and your service.

Sincerely,
Mariah Friend
Registered Nurse, BSN

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Nathaniel Bozarth [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 8:10 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Fire Chief Smith // investigate officers who killed Lamb, Sanders

Hello.

I'm joining the call for Chief Rick Smith's removal. He has repeatedly shown that he privileges officer innocence over justice. I for the people of Kansas City. If officers are to truly live up to the patriotic acclaim they receive, they must be true heroes and genuinely value the lives of those they have allegedly sworn to protect over their own.

For withholding information about the murders of Cameron Lamb and Donnie Sanders, Chief Smith should be fired and charged for obstruction of justice. The officers who perpetrated the murder of these two unarmed Black men must be charged and released. The public has a right to know who these officers are.

Zip code: 64110

Thank you.

Nathaniel Bozarth, MS-BIA

Public Speaker on issues of race, real estate, and education justice

MS in Business Intelligence and Analytics, Rockhurst University

B.A. Anthropology, Kansas State University

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Jalisa Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 3:28 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Attention Cathy Meyers

Ms.Meyers

I have learned of the extensive Corruption under the direction of Police chief Richard Smith; and we the people demand his removal and conviction of obstruction of Justice.

Signed,
Jalisa Davis

[REDACTED]

From: Melissa Starner [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 1:50 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Attn: Cathy Dean

KCPD Chief Rick Smith needs to be removed from his position as Chief of the Kansas City Police Department. He has continually hindered the investigation and prosecution of his officers by refusing to file probable cause statements against his officers because he doesn't believe his officers have done anything wrong.

Our KCMO communities cannot and should not trust a police department with a Chief who refuses to hold his own officers accountable for their behavior but instead, forcefully works to protect violent police officers.

Additionally, instead of writing citations, Chief Smith ordered the tear gassing of hundreds of peaceful protesters simply because they went past curfew in a public park by a mere 30 minutes. Children, the elderly, the disabled, Street Medics and even residents in the area were subjected to the dangerous chemicals of tear gas canisters at an excessive amount that should never be deployed by a local police department in effort to disperse peaceful protesters from a public space.

KCPD Chief Rick Smith needs to be removed from his current position. He can never gain the confidence or trust needed to move forward and heal the systemic and historic abuses of the Kansas City, MO Police Department against Black, Brown and poor people in our city.

[REDACTED]

From: Grace Klausen [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 2:07 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Attn: Cathy Dean

Hello Cathy Dean,

My name is Grace and I am a student at UMKC. I want Chief Rick Smith removed from his position.

Best,
Grace

[REDACTED]

From: A Lydon [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 2:35 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Attn: Cathy Dean

Hi Cathy.

My name is Angelina and I live in the 64151 area code. These have been troubling times recently, with COVID and the many other strange things that 2020 has thrown our way. And then the country erupted after the death of George Floyd.

Emotions are high. There is a lot of fear and uncertainty and anger, on all sides. I myself, as well as all other BLM supporters and protesters that I have spoken with, are fighting and pushing for a way to find a better future. We fully support good cops, and understand that they are tasked with a large number of different tasks and work long and hard hours. They rush toward danger to save others. Corruption is not new, nor is it relegated to only one sphere of our society. For the integrity of the justice system, and for justice to be possible, corruption must be rooted out and removed just like any other cancer.

I sympathize with officers right now who are living under a great deal of stress and uncertainty, and what the future holds for them and their families. It is for these officers as well as the community at large, that I believe Chief Rick Smith needs to step down or be removed as police chief. I have read a number of articles dating back a few years regarding KCPD, and I do not feel that he has acted with integrity or acted to protect good cops. I do not feel that he has acted to protect all KC citizens equally or fairly. We cannot move forward to a better future if we allow leaders to remain who do not uphold or embody values that paramount to their position as a leader. There can be no integrity within an organization if the person at the top does not promote or act with integrity themselves.

I think it is in the best interest of the police officers under him, as well as the citizens of Kansas City, to remove Rick Smith from his position as police chief.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.
Sincerely,
Angelina Lydon

[REDACTED]

From: Rebecca Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 2:38 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Police brutality

Attention: Cathy Dean

Rick Smith should be removed from office. Kansas City cannot continue with his brutality.

Rebecca Smith

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Jacqueline Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 3:00 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Attn: Cathy Dean

Hello Cathy Dean,

I am writing you because we want Chief Rick Smith removed from his position. He is not truly looking out for the overall benefit of all citizens. We want someone in charge who is willing to prioritize the protection of every citizen. We need someone who actively and without hesitation, is willing to make changes within the department to benefit the citizens and police interaction.

Thank you for your time,
Jacqueline Davis

[REDACTED]

From: Cari Stubler-Pannell [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 4:48 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: ATTN: Cathy Kline

Chief Rick Smith needs to be removed from his position!

The struggle for justice is an ongoing and necessary pursuit that should prevail over law and institutions.

[REDACTED]

From: Katie Cox [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 4:55 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Fire Chief Smith

Hello,

Chief Rick Smith has proven he is not capable to do his job and protect his community. He does not hold his officers to high standards. Standards that value human life, especially those of color. Many innocent men and women have died and while he has been chief. The community does not trust him and if you do not have trust you do not have anything. If you care for our community and it's people you will do everything to get him removed from his position.

Thank you,
Katie Cox

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: matthew moore [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 7:46 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Attention Cathy Dean

Hello my name is Matthew Moore. I appreciate the growing response in our government as we advocate for the appreciation of Black lives.

Police chief Smith has proven time and again that he does not value Black lives and he is unwilling to address a negative culture in KCPD toward our brothers and sisters east of Troost.

We are counting on you to do everything in your power to remove him from his position in KCPD.

Thank you for your support.

[REDACTED]

From: Shuchi Singh [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 8:24 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Attn: Cathy Dean

Hello Ms. Dean,

My name is Shuchi Singh, I've lived in the KC Metro area for about 10 years now. Time and time again I've seen the police department be negligent in protecting the residents.

Similar to many Kansas City residents I am asking that Chief Rick Smith be removed from his position. Guilty or innocent a person doesn't deserve to die while in police custody.

Respectfully,
Shuchi Singh
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Johanna Kelley [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 8:44 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: ATTN: Cathy Dean

Hello,
My name is Johanna Kelley, I'm a lifetime resident of Kansas City, MO.

I demand Chief Rick Smith be removed from his position. He has proven that he is not concerned about protecting and serving the most vulnerable in our city.

Guilty or innocent a person doesn't deserve to die while in police custody.

Sincerely,
Johanna Kelley
Kansas City, MO

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Lady Mersephone [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 8:47 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Attn: Cathy Dean

To:
bopc@kcpd.org

Subject: attn: Cathy Dean

Body:

Hello,

My name is Rhiannon Lentz, I'm a resident of Kansas City, Missouri.

I demand Chief Rick Smith be removed from his position.

Guilty or innocent a person doesn't deserve to die while in police custody.

Sincerely,

Rhiannon Lentz

Kansas City, Missouri

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Rachel Loder [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 9:18 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: ATTN: CATHY DEAN

Good evening,

I am writing as a concerned citizen calling for the removal of Rick Smith from the KCPD Chief position. His continual support of police brutality, failure to take a stand against the violence that occurs on behalf of his staff, and various refusals to file probable cause statements against his officers. Our community cannot trust a police chief who will not stand for justice, even when it entails taking a stand against his own officers when they are doing harmful wrongs that damage our citizens. Apart from his order of using a dangerous chemical on peaceful protestors, Chief Rick Smith is not fit for this position and does not represent what our community needs to thrive. We demand change.

--
Rachel Loder, RN, BSN

[REDACTED]

From: Erin Harrell [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 10:35 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: attn: Cathy Dean

Hello,
My name is Erin Harrell, I'm a resident of Kansas City, Missouri.
I demand Chief Rick Smith be removed from his position.
Guilty or innocent a person doesn't deserve to die while in police custody.

[REDACTED]

From: John Burnett [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 2:29 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Attn: Cathy Smith

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Chief Rick Smith is a criminal and must be removed from his position immediately.

John Burnett
California

[REDACTED]

From: Celeste Shepherd [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 7:22 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Attn: Cathy Dean

Hello,
My name is Celeste Shepherd, I'm a resident of Lenexa, KS.
I demand Chief Rick Smith be removed from his position.
Guilty or innocent a person doesn't deserve to die while in police custody.

Sincerely,
Celeste Shepherd
Lenexa, KS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Lexi Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 8:32 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Rich Smith

We need Rick Smith removed from position. He has done nothing but harm to our community and lie to the press.

Thanks,
Lexi Smith
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Ryan Eisenbacher [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 12:45 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org; mayorq@kcmo.org
Subject: KCPD Chief Rick Smith

Mayor Lucas and City Officials,

I am demanding the firing of KCPD Chief Rick Smith and charges placed against him for the obstruction of justice. It is well known that Officer Smith continues to withhold probable cause statements regarding the killings of Cameron Lamb and Donnie Sanders by the KCPD. This unchecked unlawful behavior will only continue more future unjust behavior. Withholding probable cause statements creates the appearance of a cover up, which will only cause more division in our community where unity is needed so much. Please help create a better tomorrow by firing KCPD Chief officer Smith and replacing him with a more ethical person better fit for the position.

Ryan Eisenbacher
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Grace Katzmar [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 5:14 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Remove Rick Smith

I am a resident of Jackson County, and I am calling for the removal of Rick Smith as police chief. Smith has a history of protecting the PD far more than he protects the public - which reaches far beyond his misconduct during the protests this month. As a leader he should be managing his officers to deescalate rather than using Geneva Convention banned tear gas on KC citizens. Tear Gas is a war crime, yet Chief Rick Smith allowed his officers to use it on peaceful KC protesters.

As a city with such a deep history of racial divides, it's time to get the ball rolling on MEASURED CHANGE. Firing Rick Smith is the first step. The second step is LOCAL control of the KCPD, and allowing the people to choose the chief of police.

No more corruption. No more racist cops.
Time for change.

Grace Katzmar

[REDACTED]

From: Cameron Capers [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:50 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Fire Chief Smith

Chief Smith needs to be fired for his inability to do his job and protect innocent black citizens. The police are supposed to protect the community not kill us.

[REDACTED]

From: Luke Harbur [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:57 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: KCPD Chief Rick Smith

To The Board of Police Commissioners,

Good afternoon. My name is Luke Harbur and I live in the Quality Hill area of Kansas City, Missouri.

I'm contacting the board to voice my opinion on Chief of KCPD Rick Smith. Though I have seen him take a knee with protesters, one afternoon of solidarity does not forgive years of abuse in power.

This abuse does not just come in the form of silence when harm is conducted on protesters. Abuse comes from lack of accountability, lack of checks and balances, lack of the people's voice to how and why are tax dollars are being spent.

Firing Chief of KCPD Rick Smith is one step to gaining balance in a system intended to protect and serve. Questioning these systems past the death protests of George Floyd is necessary, for the deaths of Kansas City's own Ryan Stokes, Cameron Lamb, Donnie Sanders, and Terrance Bridges remain answered. Though charges have been made against Lamb, the killers of the three others remains unanswered.

I seek answers with empathy and dialogue. Thank you for listening.

I look forward to your response,

- Luke Harbur

[REDACTED]

From: Melissa McGrath [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:00 PM
To: mayorq@kcmo.org; bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Fire Chief Smith!

Mayor Lucas and Board of Police Commissioners,

I am writing in solidarity with One Struggle Kc's demands to **fire Chief Smith.**

Chief Smith purposefully impedes investigations of KCPD officers and rejects routine requests for criminal complaints against police. He continues to withhold probable cause statements regarding the killings of Cameron Lamb and Donnie Sanders who were murdered by officers who serve underneath him. He refuses to release the name of Donnie Sander's murderer. Jackson County Prosecuters Office allegedly has knowledge of KCPD officers planting guns under SMith's authority!

I DO NOT FEEL SAFE IN Kansas CitY!!!!!! I do not feel that my STUDENTS and their FAMILIES are safe BECAUSE of the KCPD and BECAUSE of Chief Smith!!!! WHY DO YOU CO SIGN FOR THIS?!!!!!! EVERY MINUTE he remains Chief of KCPD, your legacies tarnish. DO WHAT IS RIGHT!! Do not allow Chief Smith to serve any longer. Fire him NOW!

--
Melissa McGrath
K- 5Visual Arts Teacher
Crossroads Academy Central Street

[REDACTED]

From: Walsh, Claire [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:46 PM
Subject: Call To Action re:Chief Rick Smith

Mayor Lucas and City Officials,

I am emailing you today demanding the immediate firing of KCPD Chief Rick Smith and charges fired for obstruction of justice. It is well known that officer Smith continues to withhold probable cause statements regarding the killings of Cameron Lamb and Donnie Sanders by KCPD. This is an extreme obstruction of justice that sets the precedent that this type of unlawful and unethical behavior will continue to go on unchecked. Withholding probable cause statements creates the appearance of a cover up, and will only serve to create more division in our city during a time where unity is needed most. KCPD Chief Smith must go NOW.

[REDACTED]

From: Anna Rendina [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:00 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Fire chief Smith

Hello,

I am emailing you today to charge and FIRE KCPD chief Smith, who purposely obstructs investigations against police who are unsafe for our community- the people they supposed to protect. Thank you for taking care of this immediately.

Best,
Anna

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Anastasia Rendina
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Nia Beth Arteaga [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:17 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Fire KCPD chief Smith

Hello,

I, Apolonia Arteaga, am a resident of Lawrence Kansas. I am writing to demand that KCPD Chief Rick Smith is immediately fired. He routinely engages in misconduct and obstruction of justice and you have yet to hold him accountable.

Kansas City has the opportunity to set an example of acknowledging the police force's history in racial terrorism, and denouncing the continuation of these acts.

If you do not hold him accountable, that shows me that my own local government serves to protect its own interests, not that of its citizens.

We can do better. Hold him accountable. Thank you.

[REDACTED]

From: Erin Melton [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:22 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Chief Smith must go

I am emailing to demand to KCPD Chief Rick Smith be removed from his position on charges of obstructing justice.

[REDACTED]

From: Laci Bostick [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 4:18 PM
To: mayorq@kcmo.org; bopc@kcpd.org

Kansas City Missouri Police Department Chief Rick Smith has got to go.

Rick Smith purposefully impedes investigations of KCPD officers and rejects routine requests for criminal complaints against police for misconduct and brutality. Smith continues to withhold probable cause statements regarding the killings of Cameron Lamb, Donnie Sanders, and other victims of brutality by KCPD. Not only does he obstruct investigations against police, but he also puts killer cops back on the streets.

Additionally, questions have been raised by Lee Merritt, Esq. (attorney for the Lamb and Sanders families) regarding knowledge of KCPD officers planting guns.

In April of this year, Jackson County Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker wrote a letter to police chief Smith, calling him out for limiting her ability to file charges against killer KCPD officers. Her letter stated that withholding probable cause statements created the appearance of a cover-up. With that knowledge, it is unreasonable and unethical to not only allow Rick Smith to keep his job but also to not hold him criminally accountable for obstructing justice.

KCPD Chief Smith must go NOW.

I DEMAND the IMMEDIATE firing of KCPD chief Smith and charges filed for Obstruction of Justice.

[REDACTED]

From: Hallie Richardson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 5:27 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Fire Chief Smith

Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

I am writing to demand that Mr. Rick Smith be immediately fired from the position as Chief of the Kansas City Police Department. There are several reasons as to why Mr. Smith should be removed from his position of leadership and power over our police department - however, in the interest of brevity I will elaborate on one:

Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker has acknowledged, both in April to a letter to Mr. Smith, and in a press conference last week regarding charges brought against an officer who murdered Cameron Lamb, that Mr. Smith has obstructed justice by refusing to submit probable cause statements in both Mr. Lamb's case and the case of aggregated assault against Breanna Hill. This is absolutely unacceptable behavior and presents a danger to the public, in that Mr. Smith is essentially protecting officers who use unlawful and lethal force from being held accountable.

At the highest level of leadership and power in our city's police department, we MUST have a leader who will cooperate with Prosecutor Baker, Mayor Lucas, and other leaders of our local government. We MUST have a leader who is willing to hold himself, his department, and his officers accountable when they have broken their promise to protect Kansas Citians. Mr. Smith has proven that he is not that leader. Therefore, he must be fired and replaced immediately by someone who is.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Ms. Hallie Richardson
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Harper Page [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 6:27 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Police Chief Rick Smith

Hello.

I would like Police Chief Rick Smith to be held accountable for his actions. Why does he reject routine requests for criminal complaints against police for misconduct and brutality? That is not okay and obstruction of justice is a criminal offense. I would like to see him fired and charged. The city needs better.

Thank you for listening.
Harper Page

[REDACTED]

From: Will Green [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 7:23 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Chief Smith

Chief Smith is a despicable human being who deserves nothing less to be terminated by the city. I am a born and raised Kansas Citian and am REVOLTED by his actions. It is an absolute ignominy that such an up and coming city has such a primitive police department. Fire him immediately.

Sincerely,
Will Green.

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Elizabeth Wheeler [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 8:01 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Concerns about KCPD Chief Rick Smith

Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

I am extremely concerned to learn that Chief Rick Smith impedes investigations against police and therefore limits the ability of Jackson County Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker to file charges against KCPD officers.

I believe that KCPD Chief Smith should be fired and charges filed against him for Obstruction of Justice.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Wheeler
[REDACTED]

--
Elizabeth Wheeler [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: angela dix [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 8:03 PM
To: mayorQ@kcmo.org; bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: HOLD RICK SMITH ACCOUNTABLE!!!!

We know that you are aware of misconduct and obstruction of justice by KCPD Chief Rick Smith, but have yet to file charges or hold him accountable.

We demand justice for CAMERON LAMB and DONNIE SANDERS!

Angela Dix

[REDACTED]

From: Charles-Elizabeth Boyles [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 8:11 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Fire Police Chief Rick Smith

Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to fire KCPD Chief Rick Smith. Smith has withheld information both from the public - the name of the officer who killed Donnie Smith in March of this year -- and from Jackson County Prosecutor's office, in the form of probable-cause statements, as County Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker has stated. He has purposefully impeded investigations of KCPD officers and the Jackson County Prosecutor's office has alleged that KCPD officers, working under Smith's aegis, have planted guns on suspects. He must be held accountable for these actions, which amount to nothing short of obstruction of justice, and should at the very least be fired and indicted for it.

Yours, C-E Boyles

[REDACTED]

From: Rebecca Stebbin [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 9:46 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Re: Police Chief Smith

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Rebecca Stebbin and I am a concerned Kansas City citizen living in midtown. It has been brought to my attention that our very own police chief of KCPD has been acting not only in a manner unfitting for leadership, but in a way that borders on criminal and WILDLY unethical.

Between impeding investigations of KCPD officers to withholding probable cause statements; refusing to release the name of the officer who killed Donnie Sanders in March 2020; and even allegedly possessing knowledge of guns being planted under his authority...

I am a white person and even so, I feel like we are living in a police state. I am scared to leave my home with this KCPD Police Chief in a position of authority.

Both the KCPD AND Mayor Lucas are fully aware of the misconduct and obstruction of justice by KCPD Chief Rick Smith.

If we are to truly move forward from this era, you must take up the task of FIRING this Police Chief and unrooting the multiple layers of racism, misconduct, and ROT from our city. I believe your organization is up to the task; however, as of yet there have been no charges filed, and no other accountability measures put in place.

Please, for the sake of your city and its taxpayers, do not hesitate to take immediate action in firing Police Chief Smith and finding a suitable replacement who has priorities of ethical behavior and racial equality and who TRULY understands what it means when we say "justice for all."

Rebecca Stebbin
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Connor Hudgins [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:33 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Fire Chief Rick Smith

Chief Rick Smith must be held accountable for his obstruction of justice and hiding of evidence. To do this, he must be fired from his position as police chief. He is actively using his position to cover up killer cops which is unacceptable to the people of Kansas City. Fire Rick Smith immediately.

-Connor Hudgins

[REDACTED]

From: Williams, Karen
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:47 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: FW: Police Chief Smith

Received in the OCC mailbox...FYI!

Thanks,

Karen

Karen Williams
Office of Community Complaints
[REDACTED]

From: Rebecca Stebbin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:21 AM
To: KCPD_Community_Complaints
Subject: Re: Police Chief Smith

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Rebecca Stebbin
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Morgan Ashley Allen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 11:42 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: PLEASE Act - KCMO demands it

I'm a Kansas City tax payer, born and bred in the metro area, a property owner, parent and proud citizen—and fully dedicated to this city's progress.

I am contacting you to press the board to:

1. Immediately fire KCPD chief Smith, and
2. File charges for Obstruction of Justice

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In April 2020, Jackson County Prosecutor wrote a letter to police chief Smith, calling him out for limiting her ability to file charges against killer KCPD officers. Her letter stated that withholding probable cause statements created the appearance of a cover-up. With that knowledge, it is **unreasonable and unethical** to not only allow Rick Smith to keep his job but also to not hold him criminally accountable for obstructing justice.

FIRE Smith immediately and move KC in the right direction at this time in our country. Do not allow KC to perpetually live a past of violent hate and silence.

We expect you to do the right thing.

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Morgan Ashley Allen

[REDACTED]

From: robert cassity [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 2:00 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org; mayorq@kcmo.org
Subject: Rick Smith

Fire, charge, and prosecute Rick Smith for obstruction of justice and planting of evidence.

[REDACTED]

From: Kathleen Meinke [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 2:44 PM
To: mayorq@kcmo.org
Cc: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Chief Smith must Go

Hello,

My name is Kate Meinke, I'm a Kansas City resident. I am emailing to demand that Rick Smith be fired and charged with obstruction of justice.

Rick Smith purposefully impedes investigations of KCPD officers and rejects routine requests for criminal complaints against police for misconduct and brutality. Smith continues to withhold probable cause statements regarding the killings of Cameron Lamb, Donnie Sanders, and other victims of brutality by KCPD. Not only does he obstruct investigations against police, but he also puts killer cops back on the streets.

Additionally, questions have been raised by Lee Merritt, Esq. (attorney for the Lamb and Sanders families) regarding knowledge of KCPD officers planting guns.

In April of this year, Jackson County Prosecutor wrote a letter to police chief Smith, calling him out for limiting her ability to file charges against killer KCPD officers. Her letter stated that withholding probable cause statements created the appearance of a cover-up. With that knowledge, it is unreasonable and unethical to not only allow Rick Smith to keep his job but also to not hold him criminally accountable for obstructing justice.

KCPD Chief Smith must go NOW.

Sincerely,
Kate Meinke

[REDACTED]

From: Williams, Karen
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 2:50 PM
To: 'Gabi Guillory'
Subject: RE: Please Fire Police Chief Smith

Ms. Guillory,

I have forwarded your e-mail and concerns to the Board of Police Commissioners. They are the only ones with the power to hire and fire the police chief.

Thank you for contacting the Office of Community Complaints.

Best,

Karen Williams
Office of Community Complaints
[REDACTED]

From: Gabi Guillory [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 11:10 AM
To: KCPD_Community_Complaints
Subject: Please Fire Police Chief Smith

Hello,

I had originally sent this to Mayor Lucas, but he requested that I send my message to you.

I am emailing to request that you do what is in your power to have Chief Rick Smith fired. I am aware, as I know you are too, of Chief Smith's misconduct and obstruction of justice.

Chief Smith has impeded investigations into officers, has permitted officers to plant guns, refuses to name the officer that killed Donnie Sanders, and has withheld probable cause statements for both the Lamb and Sanders cases. This is unacceptable.

I also want to send this message: Our system of policing is broken. As a teacher, I can relate to having a great many responsibilities placed on me that I do NOT have the training for, similar to what police officers experience. We both are expected to deal with a plethora of hardship that is NOT in our job description. I have to act as a psychologist, a counselor, a parent...in addition to moving my students forward academically. Defunding the police will help remove some of your responsibilities and give them to those more equipped to handle them, such as homelessness, mental health, family crises, neglect...

I am one of many Kansas Citians who wish to Fire Chief Smith and see fundamental change in policing in Kansas City.

Thank you,

Gabrielle Guillory, District 4

[REDACTED]

From: Williams, Karen
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 2:51 PM
To: 'Jaylah Whitney'
Subject: RE: KCPD Chief Rick Smith

Good afternoon, Jaylah:

I have forwarded your e-mail and concerns to the Board of Police Commissioners. They are the only ones with the power to hire and fire the police chief.

Thank you for contacting the Office of Community Complaints.

Best,

Karen Williams
Office of Community Complaints
[REDACTED]

From: Jaylah Whitney [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 11:32 AM
To: KCPD_Community_Complaints
Subject: KCPD Chief Rick Smith

Good Morning,

I am calling for KCPD Chief Rick Smith to be fired immediately and for charges to be filed against him for obstruction of justice. Rick Smith has repeatedly impeded investigations of KCPD officers and refuses to release the name of the officer who killed Donnie Sanders in March of this year. Rick Smith is comfortable with the current deplorable state of the KCPD and is not committed to reform.

Sincerely,
Jaylah Whitney

[REDACTED]

From: Williams, Karen
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 2:52 PM
To: 'Morgan Ashley Allen'
Subject: RE: PLEASE ACT - KC demands it

Good afternoon, Morgan:

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Thank you for contacting the Office of Community Complaints.

Best,

Karen Williams
Office of Community Complaints
[REDACTED]

From: Morgan Ashley Allen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 11:43 AM
To: KCPD_Community_Complaints
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We expect you to do the right thing.

—

Morgan Ashley Allen

[REDACTED]

From: Williams, Karen
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 2:53 PM
To: 'Savannah Horan'
Subject: RE: Fire Chief Smith

Good afternoon, Ms. Horan:

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Thank you for contacting the Office of Community Complaints.

Best,

Karen Williams
Office of Community Complaints
[REDACTED]

From: Savannah Horan [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 1:17 PM
To: KCPD_Community_Complaints
Subject: Fire Chief Smith

Dear KCPD,

I am e-mailing you to lift up and echo the demands of One Struggle KC.

We demand Immediate Firing of KCPD Chief Smith and charges filed for obstruction of justice. Rick Smith purposefully impedes investigation of KCPD officers and rejects routine requests for criminal complaints against police for misconduct and brutality. Smith continues to withhold probable cause statements regarding the killings of Cameron Lamb, Donnie Sanders, and other victims of brutality of KCPD. Not only does he obstruct investigations against police, but he also puts killer cops back on the streets. Kansas City's black community is not safe, especially with Chief Smith in charge. Please consider the safety of our community and demand the firing of KCPD Chief Smith.

With justice & gratitude,
Savannah Horan RN, BSN

[REDACTED]

From: Alyssa Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 2:59 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: FIRE AND CHARGE CHIEF SMITH

I am a 30 year resident of the Kansas City Area.
And I vote.

Chief Smith needs to be fired and charged with Obstruction of Justice in the cases of both Cameron Lamb AND Donnie Sanders.

Serve and protect us.
I have full faith you will DO YOUR JOB and make the right decision for the city.

Thank you

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Alyssa Johnson
Your Truth & Wellness Advocate

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 3:14 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Firing Chief Rick Smith

Good afternoon,

I'm Elie and I'm an Organizer with KC Tenants, resident of the 3rd District. I am emailing you to demand the immediate firing of KCPD Chief Rick Smith and charges filed for obstruction of justice.

Thank you,

Elie Hudson

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Darcy Russel [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 3:38 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Fire Chief Rick Smith

My name is Darcy Russel and I've lived in or around Kansas City almost all my life. I am disgusted with our current Chief of police and his conduct, specifically in regards to handling protesters and actively obstructing Jackson County Prosecutors in doing their jobs and holding police officers accountable when they commit crimes. I do not feel safe calling the police anymore. I do not feel safe when I see an officer in the streets. I do not feel safe with Chief Rick Smith protecting the "bad apples" in his bunch and do not believe we can make impactful change to our system so long as he in charge.

I urge you to fire him immediately and do what you can to hold him accountable, including aiding in prosecuting him for obstruction of justice.

Sincerely,
Darcy Russel

[REDACTED]

From: Cullen Curtis [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 3:50 PM
To: mayorq@kcmo.org; Bunch, Eric; bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Chief Smith

Hello Mayor Lucas, Mr. Bunch,

I am writing to you because I am disappointed that actions have not been taken to hold police chief Rick Smith accountable. As I am sure you are already aware, he deliberately impedes investigations into the actions of his officers. This is why people are demanding the police be outright abolished. Police behavior such as that exhibited by chief Rick Smith is precisely why reform will never be enough. The culture of policing requires cops to back each other up, even when their actions are wrong. If they are breaking laws with impunity and covering it up for one another how could one even argue that they "prevent crime?" The KCPD themselves have demonstrated countless times in the past several weeks that they are willing to commit fraud, wrongful imprisonment, assault and battery, assault with deadly weapons, kidnapping, obstruction of justice and outright war crimes against KC residents. I won't stand for this gross misconduct and I will continue calling upon you, my elected officials, until something *substantial* is done about the matter. The 5% budget decrease for the police department is a joke but I'm not laughing. Already the police are getting paid nearly a quarter of a billion dollars. If you are hoping to win people over with reforms over abolition I think you can try a little harder than that. I hope you don't take this as overly hostile, because I really believe that we can make a positive change. First things first you need to fire chief Smith immediately and file charges for his obstruction of justice.

Thank you,
Cullen Curtis

[REDACTED]

From: mila van toor [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 7:04 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: KCPD Chief Rick Smith

Hello,

I know you're aware of this but your chief is not only horrible at his job but a horrible person in general. He has:

- purposefully impeded investigations of KCPD officers and rejects routine requests for criminal complaints against the police
- continues to withhold probable cause statements regarding the killings of Cameron Lamb and Donnie Sanders by KCPD
- refuses to release the name of the officer who killed Donnie Sanders, an unarmed black man, in march 2020 AND
- Jackson county prosecutor's office allegedly has knowledge of KCPD officers planting guns, under smiths authority!

seeing as you know all this already anyways you will probably continue to keep him working for you and not holding him accountable for his actions, which is not only disgusting but ILLEGAL! HOLD THIS MAN ACCOUNTABLE

FIRE KCPD CHIEF RICK SMITH AND CHARGE HIM WITH OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NOW

[REDACTED]

From: Williams, Karen
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:40 AM
To: Danielle Nash
Subject: RE: Continued Silence

Good morning, Ms. Nash:

I have forwarded your e-mail and concerns to the Board of Police Commissioners. They are the only ones with the power to hire and fire the police chief.

Thank you for contacting the Office of Community Complaints.

Best,

Karen Williams

Office of Community Complaints
[REDACTED]

From: Danielle Nash [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 6:14 AM
To: KCPD_Community_Complaints <CommunityComplaints@kcpd.org>
Subject: Continued Silence

Mayor Quinton-

On behalf of the community at large and specifically on behalf of the black community I am inquiring about the continued silence in response to KCPD Chief Rick Smith's behaviors of misconduct and obstruction of investigations. We must have a no tolerance policy, especially for those who hold the most power, in order to create safety. Cameron Lamb and Donnie Sanders we're not safe. Who will be next?

Sincerely,
Danielle Nash

[REDACTED]

From: Williams, Karen
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Hallie Richardson
Subject: RE: Fire Chief Smith

Good morning, Ms. Richardson:

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Best,

Karen Williams
Office of Community Complaints
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Hallie Richardson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 6:12 PM
To: KCPD_Community_Complaints <CommunityComplaints@kcpd.org>
Subject: Fire Chief Smith

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Subject: RE: HOLD RICK SMITH ACCOUNTABLE!!!

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Karen Williams

Office of Community Complaints
[REDACTED]

From: angela dix [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 5:04 PM
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Angela Dix

[REDACTED]

From: Williams, Karen
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:49 AM
To: Alyssa Johnson
Subject: RE: FIRE and CHARGE CHIEF SMITH

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Office of Community Complaints
[REDACTED]

From: Alyssa Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 3:24 PM
To: KCPD_Community_Complaints <CommunityComplaints@kcpd.org>
Subject: FIRE and CHARGE CHIEF SMITH

I am a mother, a wife, a daughter, a sister and a resident of the Kansas City Area for over 35 years. And I VOTE.

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Serve and protect us.

I have full faith you will DO YOUR JOB and make the right decision for the city.

Thank you

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Alyssa Johnson
Your Truth & Wellness Advocate
203 N. Normandy
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Richard Romero [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:34 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Cc: mayorq@kcmo.org
Subject: Police Chief Smith

Good afternoon.

I am writing to inquire as to why Police Chief Rick Smith is allowed to remain in his position when you and Jackson County Prosecutor Baker are fully aware of instances of misconduct and obstruction of justice. Kindly get back to me at your earliest convenience.

Cheers,
Richard Romero
Resident, KCMO
(he/him/his)

cc: Mayor Lucas

[REDACTED]

From: Anna Stelmach [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:49 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Chief Smith

To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention that Chief Rick Smith has been impeding investigations regarding officer-involved killings of civilians, especially unarmed and Black civilians, by withholding statements and evidence. Is this true? How will this be addressed by the Board of Police Commissioners?

Sincerely,
Anna (a concerned civilian/KCMO resident)

Dear Mr. Tolbert,

6/19

I am writing this letter on June 19th, the day we are meant to celebrate the Emancipation of black Americans. But black Americans are not free.

Cameron Lamb wasn't free.

Donnie Sanders wasn't free.

Ryan Stokes wasn't free.

Terrance Bridges wasn't free.

Freedom means being able to drive, walk, or spend time out w/ friends w/out being murdered by KCPD. ~~freedom~~ They died w/out free, + in the afterlife, they see no justice brought to their names as KCPD continues to move forward w/ dishonesty, lack of accountability, + disregard for their lives. Because of this, I urge you from your role at the Police Commission to not on fight to bring them justice + begin to heal the wounds of the community - I also urge you to proceed w/ removing chief Rick Smith for his dishonesty, ineptitude, + violence. Under Mo Rev. Stat. § 84.490(2016), you have a duty to pursue his removal due to the overwhelming cause that's been presented. →

He should be removed for the following reasons, under the cited statute:

- 2) The Chief has committed an act that constitutes a reckless disregard for the safety of the public
- 3) The Chief has caused a material fact to be misrepresented for an unlawful purpose
- 4) The Chief has acted in a manner inconsistent w/ the interests of the public.

He's provided these reasons through:

→ the coverup of Cameron Lamb's murder, among other victims

→ his open endorsement of brutal tactics like chokeholds (as seen in the 6/16 commission intgs)

→ the violent assaults + escalatory tactics used on peaceful protestors

→ the many instances of murder + brutality that have happened under his leadership.

We do not feel protected, served, or safe under the leadership of Rick Smith. Please hold him accountable + bring justice to KCPD's victims. Remember their names. -Natalie Phillips

June 19, 2020

Dear Commissioner Nathan Garrett,

I am writing this letter to demand the termination of KCPD Chief of Police Rick Smith. Specifically, I demand that you leverage your privilege as a Member of the Board to convince President of the Board Don Wagner to set the termination for cause of Chief Smith as an agenda item for the July 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board.

According to the 2016 Missouri Revised Statutes (MO Rev Stat § 84.490 (2016)), Chief Rick Smith can and should be removed for cause, for the following reasons:


- (1) The Chief has committed any act while in the performance of his duties that constitutes a reckless disregard for the safety of the public
- (2) The Chief has caused a material fact to be misrepresented for any improper or unlawful purpose.
- (3) The Chief has acted in a ~~reckless~~ manner inconsistent with the interest of the public

Clearly, Chief Rick Smith's withholding evidence of police brutality and misconduct, when combined with his inappropriate use of violent force against peaceful protesters,

needs the previously outlined reasons to terminate
a Chief of Police for cause.

I look forward to your action in getting
this issue on the agenda for the next Board
of Police Commissioners Regular Meeting. Chief
Smith has betrayed the trust and safety of the
public he is duty bound to serve and protect.
His termination for cause is an important first
step in mitigating the damage that police killing
and brutality have wreaked on the Kansas City and
greater area community. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Jenna McBili

Dear Commissioner Don Wagner,

06/19/2020

As President of the KCPD Board of Police Commissioners, I demand that you immediately pursue the removal (by termination) of Chief of Police Rick Smith. According to the 2016 Missouri Revised Statutes (MO Rev Stat § 84.490 (2016)), Chief Rick Smith can and should be removed for cause for the following reasons: (1) The Chief has committed any act while in the performance of his duties that constitutes a reckless disregard for the safety of the public; (2) The Chief has caused a material fact to be misrepresented for any improper or unlawful purpose; and (3) The Chief has acted in a manner inconsistent with the interest of the public.

In his inappropriate and violent response to peaceful protesters, via his withholding of evidence of police brutality and misconduct, and for failing to act after several murders of unarmed Black men; Chief Smith has failed to protect the safety of the citizens he is supposed to serve.

1 of 2 The past several weeks of protests are -

→ a result of years of frustration and pain caused by KCPD's refusal to listen to the public. Ryan Stokes was unarmed when he was shot in the back and killed by police on July 29, 2013. Donnie Sanders was also unarmed when he was shot by police on March 12 of this year. Furthermore, Cameron Lamb was shot & killed on his own property under suspicious circumstances in December of 2019. The recent indictment charging officer Eric DeValkenaere with Involuntary Manslaughter and Armed Criminal Action for recklessly causing the death of Mr. Lamb shows that Chief Rick Smith is not competent and should not continue in his role as Chief of Police.

This action is the first of many necessary steps KCPD must take to regain the trust of the public. As President of the Board, you set the agenda for meetings of the Board. As such, I demand that you raise the agenda point of Chief Rick Smith's termination at the July 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jenna McGill (Jenna)

6/19/20

Dear Commissioner Dean,

I am writing to demand the immediate termination of Chief Rick Smith. According to the 2016 Missouri Revised Statutes (MO Rev Stat 84.490) Chief Smith should be removed for cause, for the following reasons:

- (2) The Chief has committed an act while in the performance of his duties that constitutes a reckless regard for the safety of the public
- (3) The Chief has caused a material fact to be misrepresented for any improper or unlawful purpose
- (4) The Chief has acted in a manner inconsistent with the interest of the public

This is a small but necessary step towards justice.

[REDACTED]

From: Williams, Karen
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:53 AM
To: 'Meg Adams'
Subject: RE: Banning neck restraint

Good morning, Ms. Adams:

Thank you for contacting the Office of Community Complaints. I am forwarding your e-mail and concerns to the Board of Police Commissioners for their review.

Should you have any further concerns about the KCPD, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best regards,

Karen Williams
Office of Community Complaints
[REDACTED]

From: Meg Adams [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:24 PM
To: KCPD_Community_Complaints
Subject: Banning neck restraint

Hi, KCPD pals!

I live in downtown Kansas City, MO (21 West 10th Street). I am writing today to ask for support in modifying our city's police practices to ban the use of chokeholds and strangleholds by the KCPD. Allowing officers to choke or strangle civilians results in unnecessary death or serious injury. Both chokeholds and all other neck restraints *must* be banned in all cases.

I'm available for further dialogue on this topic and can be reached here or at 816.383.4615.

Thank you for your commitment to keeping our citizens safe.

Best,
Meg Adams

[REDACTED]

From: Williams, Karen
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:57 AM
To: 'Meg Murphy'
Subject: RE: LVNR chokehold

Good morning, Ms. Murphy:

Thank you for contacting the Office of Community Complaints. I am forwarding your e-mail and concerns to the Board of Police Commissioners for their review.

Should you have any further concerns about the KCPD, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best regards,

Karen Williams
Office of Community Complaints
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Meg Murphy [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:48 PM
To: KCPD_Community_Complaints
Subject: LVNR chokehold

Hello - recently I viewed images that were taken during the Kansas City Police Department police commission meeting on 6/16, where the KCPD introduced a "safer" version of a chokehold, called "Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint".

The images used to demo this chokehold are of a White-presenting police officer choking a Black man. Giving KCPD the benefit of the doubt, this is extremely tone-deaf in the wake of the recent displays of police violence against the Black community across the country. It is especially tone-deaf considering George Floyd was murdered at the hands of police officers using excessive force by choking.

Just like words mean things, images do too. These images shared reinforce the criminalization of Black bodies and the very real fact that policing has always served as a tool of white supremacy to control and inflict harm on Black people.

KCPD needs to ban the use of chokeholds by police officers, no matter how "safe" they may be, as well as apologize for using these images.

Thank you in advance for your attention.
Meg

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Ben Bullington [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:30 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Officially end the use of choke holds and tear gas

Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

As a resident of Kansas City, MO, I ask that you please officially and publicly ban the use of choke holds and tear gas by the KCPD.

I know the department has been trying hard to do all of the right things by increasing community engagement and employing more social workers. I also appreciate the stances and adjustments that the Board and Chief Smith have made recently, especially in recent response to protests and how officers are held accountable. I wholeheartedly stand by our officers and the difficult work that they do.

This is why I cannot see how continuing to condone the use of morally questionable, if not reprehensible, practices such as using tear gas and choke holds helps our officers or continues the mission of gaining the trust of our community or making this a safer city. It is hard to support a police department or its governing body if they do not take the moral high ground.

I ask that the Board and KCPD officially and publicly ban their use as they continue in their mission to become a more community focused and helpful organization to make this city safer for all its citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,
Ben Bullington
KCMO Resident

[REDACTED]

From: BRET WHITWORTH <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 4:11 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Policy Reviews

Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

It has come to my attention that you are considering use of force and other issues regarding the police department. As a resident of Kansas City, I want to voice my concerns. The goal of the Board is to ensure that the KCPD is able to keep the citizens safe. The current anti-police hype is in direct opposition to that mandate. If followed to their logical conclusion, the demands of this movement not only remove the department's ability to provide safety for its own members but it also sends a message to the citizens that our department's board of governance will limit their officers' ability to protect them from crime and disorder. How are any of us supposed to feel safe when this is allowed to happen?

Furthermore, I am an ardent supporter of the police department, Chief Smith, and the fine men and women that risk their lives every day to protect this city. The KCPD has done an exceptional job in keeping our city safe in these challenging times. Please keep in mind that a huge majority of Kansas Citizens value and uphold law and order and support the officers of the KCPD.

Please take these comments into consideration when contemplating any changes to policies and procedures in response to any matters which are currently being propagated in the streets of our cities and advanced by the media.

Thank you,

Bret W

Kansas City, Missouri

[REDACTED]

From: Amanda Coufal [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:23 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org; MayorQ@kcmo.org
Subject: Justice for Donnie Sanders & Defund KCPD

Mayor Quinton Lucas & Board of Police Commissioners, I am Amanda Coufal, a resident of Kansas City, MO, and I'm writing for two reasons:

1. To demand justice for Donnie Sanders, who was killed by KCPD on March 13, 2020. Release the names of his killer(s) and bring them to justice.
2. To demand cutting the budget for KCPD and begin immediately working for an ethical reallocation of funding towards social services in underserved communities.

Years of law enforcement officials escalating violence, including the very poorly handled early response to the protests in response to the death of George Floyd. This along with the deaths of Donnie Sanders, Ryan Stokes, Cameron Lamb (and many others) have shown that police are ill equipped to handle the needs of this city. We must, instead, invest in underserved communities of color. Some options may be increasing funding for community based initiatives like affordable housing, healthcare, employment, education, after school programs, and counseling. Most importantly, ask the members of our most underserved communities to find out their greatest needs. Too often decisions are made on how to handle problems of violence in this city without adequate input from the people it affects most, I hope you do not continue to make those same mistakes. We must move our attention and funding away from policing and toward sustainable, long term solutions that work for all of our citizens. We must get justice for the innocent lives lost at the hands of the KCPD.

Thank you for your time,
Amanda Coufal

[REDACTED]

From: Jori Rudisell [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 12:50 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org; MayorQ@kcmo.org
Subject: Justice for Donnie Sanders & Defund KCPD

Mayor Quinton Lucas & Board of Police Commissioners,

I am Jori Rudisell, and i am resident of Lawrence, KS and I'm writing for two reasons:

1. To demand justice for Donnie Sanders, who was killed by KCPD on March 13, 2020. Release the names of his killer(s) and bring them to justice.
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Years of law enforcement officials escalating violence, the recent response to the protests for the death of George Floyd, and the deaths of Donnie Sanders, Ryan Stokes, Cameron Lamb (and many others) have shown that police are ill equipped to handle the needs of this city. We must, instead, invest in underserved communities of color. Some options may be increasing funding for community based initiatives like affordable housing, healthcare, employment, education, after school programs, and counseling. Most importantly, ask the members of our most underserved communities to find out their greatest needs.

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Sincerely,
Jori Rudisell

[REDACTED]

From: Dayana Bernardi [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:03 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org; MayorQ@kcmo.org
Subject: Demands for KCKPD and KC Leaders

To Mayor Quinton Lucas & Board of Police Commissioners, and anyone else with the power to enact change;

As a resident of the KC-Metro Area, I am demanding justice for Donnie Sanders, Cameron Lamb, and Ryan Stokes. Donnie Sanders was killed by KCPD on March 13th by officers whose names have not been released. Cameron Lamb was killed on December 3rd, 2013, by Eric Devalkenare. Ryan Stokes was killed on July 28th, 2013, by William Thompson. I demand Thompson is fired from KCPD and charged with second degree manslaughter for the wrongful murder of Ryan Stokes 7 YEARS AGO. I demand Devalkenare's charges be raised to second degree manslaughter. I demand that the names of the officers involved in the murder of Donnie Sanders be released, and that they be charged and sentenced immediately in order to bring justice for Sanders, his family, and his community.

In order to stop the murdering of BiPOC people by the police, I also demand that the KCPD be abolished and immediately defunded, so that those unnecessary funds be allocated for community resources and social services in underserved and disproportionately targeted BiPoc communities. Reform has not saved the lives of Donnie Sanders, Cameron Lamb, Ryan Stokes, Breonna Hill, or countless other unjustly murdered by gross abuse of power of white supremacist KCPD and leaders who work to protect those "bad apples." This is the only way. We are done waiting.

Years of law enforcement officials escalating violence, the recent response to the protests for the death of George Floyd, and the deaths of Donnie Sanders, Cameron Lamb, Ryan Stokes (and many others) have shown that police are ill equipped to handle the needs of this city. We must, instead, invest in underserved communities of color. Some options may be increasing funding for community based initiatives like affordable housing, healthcare, employment, education, after school programs, and counseling. Most importantly, ask the members of our most underserved communities to find out their greatest needs.

We must move our attention and funding away from policing and toward sustainable, long term solutions that work for all of our citizens. We must get justice for the innocent lives lost at the hands of the KCPD.

Truly,

Dayana Bernardi

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The University of Kansas

Secondary English Education

[REDACTED]

From: Misty Staerkel [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 2:01 PM
To: mayorQ@kcmo.org; Hall, Heather; O'Neill, Kevin; Loar, Teresa; Justis, Amy; Ellington, Brandon; Robinson, Melissa; Shields, Katheryn; Bunch, Eric; McCoy, Keema; Pearson, Angela; Foster, Katrina; Wickham, Fred; Sanders, Marilyn; bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Re: Public Comment- Ordinance @200415

Dear Mayor Lucas,

Just when I was about to have faith in you, after reading your letter after the protest supporting our police officers, you go and disappoint me again. First of all I wish that letter would have been more public showing your support as you supported the protestors that week but that didn't happen. You say you are listening to the people and what the people want. I don't believe you are listening to ALL people. I feel like you are just listening to the ones that fit your political agenda.

I will not support going for local control of the police department because you, the city council, and even prosecuting attorney Jean Peters Baker haven't stood by supporting our city and our law enforcement. Instead you have let criminals (bad people) go without being charged. Let me tell you what that says to criminals. That says, "Oh you are free to do that again." And guess what? They do, do it again and again and again. That is why our homicide rates are climbing. Our police officers are doing their job, making arrests but our elected officials keep bailing these criminals out to do it all over again. Our officers work hard here in Kansas City and they are great with the public. But you have got to clean up the parts of the city who aren't making good decisions, who break the laws, who need help raising their kids to be good human beings.

Our Chief Rick Smith is NOT the problem. I suggest you stop blaming him and blame the real people in charge.

Misty Staerkel

On Mon, Jun 8, 2020 at 3:52 PM Misty Staerkel [REDACTED] wrote:
Dear Mayor Lucas and City Council Members,

I am a deeply saddened and disgusted by what has been happening across our country and even more what is happening in our city. Last week took an extreme toll on my family not just physically, but emotionally as well. You see I am the wife of a Kansas City Police Sergeant. I am also the sister of a Kansas City Police Officer and a sister-in-law of a Kansas City Police Officer. My husband is a great man, honorable, dedicated, and trustworthy.

My husband became a police officer because he wants people and communities to feel safe and protected. I am sure that is why you all took the oath of office you did. But here is what I saw last week.

Last week I watched my husband, brothers, and other KCPD officers put on a brave face for our kids, walk out the door with their gear and go into the unknown. They went wherever they were needed: the front line, undercover, you name it they were there. They worked many long days and sacrificed their days off with family. They were met with verbal threats, and violence such as being attacked by water bottles, bricks, urine, etc. Not only were they worried about protecting their city but also protecting their homes and families as we had a scare with an unknown car targeting our neighborhood. Our officers endured physical, emotional, and mental abuse, but still I watched them uphold your city laws- you put in place.

Last week I watched our Mayor and other members of our city turn their backs on those very officers. You were requiring them to wear their name badges even though this allowed for more ways to

target their families through social media. Our KCPD officers were doing their job and had to arrest people during these "so called" peaceful protests who were not following the laws that YOU put in place. Now you are saying YOU will not prosecute the very people who assaulted them while they were doing their job. That is despicable! YOU have now put the citizens of Kansas City in danger by allowing this to happen. YOU have told criminals they can get away with crimes they were arrested for. YOU are NOT serving justice and doing what you were elected to do. YOU are not showing that you want our citizens and community to feel safe and protected. YOUR actions are reckless and irresponsible. YOU have a duty not only to the citizens of Kansas City but also the men and woman who were there protecting our city.

I am angry and upset about the way you have gone about running our city. I understand you want to hold the police department accountable for their actions but it's also your job to hold the citizens responsible for their actions through all of this too. It is your duty to come together with the police department and take a stand together to create a better, safer city for ALL citizens. I ask that you vote NO on considering Ordinance #200415 that will establish a limited prosecutorial bar for certain acts within the city.

Thank you,
Misty Staerkel

[REDACTED]

From: Lori Kays [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 1:55 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: reform

I watched your last meeting online and was surprised that the police chief thought there were already whistleblower protections in place that would protect police officers who report on other officers when in fact there are not. Particularly in these times, this seems like something the police chief should have known. I hope that the board of police commissioners will be putting pressure on the police department to put some type of system in place so that officers can report on the "bad apples" without fearing retaliation.

NPR recently had a story on a police training program called EPIC that is used in New Orleans and sounded promising: <https://www.npr.org/2020/06/20/881173310/new-orleans-police-program-aims-to-stop-police-misconduct-reduce-burnout>

Effective de-escalation training is clearly needed in the KCPD. Whatever is already in place does not seem to be working. I've put myself in the shoes of police officers who have had protesters hurling insults at them. I can imagine how hard it is to be yelled at for things that you may not have personally done. However, when I've watched videos of Kansas City protests and heard protesters' accounts of their interactions with the police, I don't see how the police department can justify some of their behavior. I am a social worker and have worked with kids in homes, residential facilities, psychiatric hospitals, group homes, and schools. No matter what job I've had, every year I've had to participate in trainings in which I'm taught that I can't take it personally. No matter what kids say, I have to be able to stay calm and *respond* rather than *react*. What I have seen in videos of protests are reactions. A protester says something negative repeatedly to the police, and eventually it seems that the police just can't take it anymore and resort to pepper spray and/or taking the person to the ground. If police have these types of *reactions* during protests in which they knew what to expect going into it and knew there were hundreds of witnesses, it is very worrisome to think of what kind of *reactions* they are having in unexpected situations in which they are less likely to have witnesses. This cannot go on.

I appreciate those of you who seem to recognize the need for reform being vocal about it during the last meeting. The most important thing, though, is actions and not just words. At the July or August meeting I hope to hear about concrete steps being taken to ensure that Kansas City police officers are well-versed in de-escalation strategies and have a way to report on other officers who tend to escalate situations rather than de-escalate. We have had too many unnecessary killings and beatings at the hands of Kansas City police officers.

I know that it is a very difficult job and I appreciate what Kansas City police officers do, but I also know that we can do better.

Lori Kays
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Ernest evans [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 2:26 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Re: Kansas City and the "Detroit Crime Death Spiral"

From: Ernest evans [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 12:47 AM
To: Ernest evans [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Kansas City and the "Detroit Crime Death Spiral"

To Whom It May Concern: I am a professor of political science and criminal justice studies teaching at Kansas City Kansas Community College. Here is an op-ed of mine that will be published in the Leavenworth Times on June 30, 2020. It has already been posted on the popular local blog Tony's Kansas City. I thought that it would be of interest to you since it deals with the most serious crime crisis currently confronting the city of Kansas City, Missouri. Take care--May God bless all of you as you go about your duties.

Sincerely, Respectfully and in Christ,

Dr. Ernest Evans

From: Ernest evans [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 2:58 AM
To: Ernest evans [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Kansas City and the "Detroit Crime Death Spiral"

From: Ernest evans [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 11:47 PM
To: Ernest evans [REDACTED]
Subject: Kansas City and the "Detroit Crime Death Spiral"

Kansas City, Missouri and a number of the nation's great cities seem to be caught up in what I call "The Detroit Crime Death Spiral." In KCMO we have had 91 homicides so far in 2020--the highest number of recorded homicides in KCMO was 153 in 1993. In Chicago the city has had 50 homicides in the past two weeks--in the whole month of June 2019 there were 47 homicides in Chicago; as of June 28, 2020 there have been 83 homicides in Chicago in June 2020. In Baltimore there were 20 homicides in April 2020--in May 2020 there were 39 homicides and as of June 28, 2020 there have been 33 homicides in Baltimore in June 2020. In Philadelphia there were an average of one homicide a day in 2019--in the past 17 days there have been 34 homicides in Philadelphia.

So, what exactly is the "Detroit Crime Death Spiral?" In 1950 Detroit was a city of two million people. Now it is a city of 700,000 people and falling fast: 200,000 people moved out of the city in the past decade. In 1967 there was a terrible riot in Detroit--by the time it was all over, 47 people had died. The city's political class went on a police-bashing frenzy. Local cops began leaving the force and going to neighboring towns, applications to the police force went down sharply, and crime began to surge. With crime rising sharply, businesses and population moved out, undermining the city's tax base--so there was no money to upgrade and strengthen the police force. So, crime surged some more, people and businesses continued to leave, yada, yada, yada.

In Detroit today there are a huge number of abandoned but magnificent old homes that the city will sell for a dollar to anyone willing to move in and repair the homes. But, few people are taking up the offer. And, Why? In Detroit the city's police force is so understrength and demoralized that it takes an average of 58 minutes from the time someone calls 911 to the time the police arrive at your home or business. Families and business people are not going to take risks like that for their families or their employees, so they stay out of Detroit.

There is no reason, I repeat no reason, why this sort of "death spiral" cannot take place in KCMO. The KCPD is 200 officers smaller than it was in calendar year 2013--the last year before the Ferguson tragedy of August 9, 2014. KCPD morale is hurting badly--a huge number of officers and their families have applied to start counseling. If cops start leaving the KCPD and going to other cities, and if those left behind are too discouraged to do their jobs we could end up starting the destruction of the city as we know it just the way Detroit has been destroyed.

In conclusion, in 1935 the famous US novelist Sinclair Lewis wrote a novel entitled "It Can't Happen Here." It was the story of how a dictator took over the US. Far too many of the political elite in KCMO believe that what happened in Detroit "can't happen here." They are wrong, it can happen here. I fully, fully support reforms to end the sort of terrible tragedies we saw in the death of George Floyd, but the sort of frenzied police bashing we have been seeing here in KCMO is not going to end such tragedies--it is only going to destroy the rule of law in cities all over America, including quite possibly our great city of Kansas City, Missouri.

[REDACTED]

From: Rob Sweeney [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, June 28, 2020 2:25 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: A New Way of Managing Community Complaints

To: KCPD Board of Police Commissioners

Year 2020 has been an interesting one to say the least. It has challenged our community in more ways than one! Every few months another incident happens leading to public outcry for change. Now might be a good time to improve the communication lines between citizens and the ones who have pledged to serve and protect them.

Over 81% of Americans own a smartphone and I believe it's time to use them to make a difference in our communities across Kansas City.

Public Eye (www.getpubliceye.com) is an easy-to-use mobile app that gives citizens the ability to report concerns that occur in their respective neighborhoods. The KCPD's current process for citizens to report complaints is outdated and complicated. If I had to guess it's also not utilized to its full potential. Currently, a citizen has to download and print a form off a website, fill it out, scan it, then email back to the Office of Community Complaints. This assumes that most citizens have Internet access, the tools needed to print/scan reports, and then know where to go online to initiate and complete this process.

Now, instead of this multi-step manual process imagine a simple automated mobile app that allows citizens to report a concern, attach a video and/or up to 3 photos and the Office of Community Complaints immediately has access to this information via a dashboard.

Some of the Public Eye Mobile App features for Citizen use include**:

- The ability to report a safety issue or tip quickly – these reports can even be submitted anonymously
- The option to attach up to 3 pictures and/or upload a 10-second video with each report
- The mobile app automatically captures the location of the report.

Some of the Dashboard features for the Office of Community Complaints**:

- Receive new report notifications via email & push notification
- Send alerts to all citizens, even those in defined Geo-Fenced Impact Zones
- Capture location, date & time automatically
- Engage in real-time chat with the person submitting the report
- Submit reports with web-reporting form (optional)
- Export reports in PDF or CSV
- Enter report comments & attach document(s)

**a thorough list of features can be located at <https://www.getpubliceye.com/how-it-works>

I created Public Eye after seeing how effective our Campus Eye and WorkplaceAware solutions have been in helping schools and businesses enable students, faculty & staff and employees to report incidents. We have always strived to improve communities through innovative communication solutions...like the first permission-based mass text messaging solution, TextCaster (www.textcaster.com) that was launched in 2003 right here in the Kansas City metro area (now serving thousands of customers across the United States). Our other products span healthcare, education, media, government and other enterprise markets. All of our products focus on improving communication.

We welcome the opportunity to demonstrate Public Eye and present our vision for improving community relations through technology, improving the process for filing a complaint and improving the voice of each citizen! Public Eye will provide the KCPD Office of Community Complaints with a powerful tool to better manage incoming reports; all in one secure online location!

I look forward to hearing your thoughts and to scheduling a time to demonstrate Public Eye and have a conversation about what is possible using this powerful new solution.

Kindest regards,

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Rob Sweeney
Founder & CEO - Mobile Innovations LLC

2008 Governor's Award - Missouri Small Business-of-the-Year

TextCaster: [Website](#)
HeartAware: [Website](#)
WorkplaceAware: [Website](#)
Campus Eye: [Website](#)
Public Eye: [Website](#)

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From: Mike Clark [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 8:40 AM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Omnia Partner
Attachments: NSI OMNIA Flyer 4.15.pdf; NSI COVID products.pdf

All first of all let me introduce myself. I am the Territory Manager with Northern Safety & Industrial in the Kansas City area and I also cover a large section of the Midwest. As you probably are aware the City of Kansas City is a partner of the Omnia cooperative. As of March of this year we are proud to be named as a sales support partner of Omnia and can provide you with a wide array of products, including many products that we have brought in specifically to help in the ongoing fight against the COVID-19 virus which doesn't seem to go away. I have attached a couple of PDF files highlighting the partnership we have with Omnia and also some of the products we have available for the COVID virus. Please let me know if you have any questions and/or concerns. Let's all hope that the COVID virus abates to a crawl very soon so that we can all return to a semi-normal life. FYI, I know one product that is in hot demand are surgical style masks, which is on the Omnia COVID flyer. The regular price on the is \$29.50/box but with the Omnia contract your price is \$24.88/box. And remember as an Omnia member you always get free freight, no matter the size of the order.

Stay Safe!
Thank You,

Mike Clark
Territory Sales Manager
Northern Safety and Industrial

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June 10, 2020
Commissioner Mark Tolbert / Vice President
Board of Police Commissioners
1111 Locus St.
Kansas City, Missouri 64105

My name is H. Earl Culver Jr., (Retired) State Trooper with the Florida Highway Patrol. I'm writing to draw your attention to a matter of great importance to me. The death of George Floyd, I commend Chief Medaria Arradondo for taking immediately actions in firing the officer in involved.

In an effort to build and repair a strong relationship with our community. I'm asking you and your officers, (Kansas City Police Department) plus ALL Law Enforcement Officers across the nation as a show of solidarity to wear this yellow bracelet. To show the World that we strongly denounce the criminal actions of the former officer who took the life of George Floyd.

Let's show the world that HOPE is greater than FEAR. The yellow bracelet is only \$3.00 and can be ordered online at www.mourningbadge.us

A portion of all proceeds and 100% of all donations will be donated to the Colin Kaepernick foundation.

Why the color of yellow, yellow is the color of sunshine, happiness and HOPE.

Your yellow bracelets can be personalized **"#GEORGE FLOYD"**.

H. Earl Culver Jr.
Retired Florida Trooper
U.S. Army veteran
President/ Mourningbadge.us



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 12:56 PM
To: dalvey@wycokck.org; bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: Police Officer Arrested for Domestic Abuse

Good afternoon,

My name is Bridget Drake, and my sister—Shelbi Henre, was recently horribly assaulted in her home by her husband, Chanse Henre. Chanse is a current KCKS Police Officer, and was arrested on site after the neighbors called the police hearing my sisters screams. Shelbi has only recently been able to talk with my about the experience, which happened a week ago. I have seen the photos, and heard the tale of events that evening, but what I noticed the most, is Shelbi. This has forever changed my sister. She will NEVER look at the world, people, men the same ever again. I have been an advocate and voice for the abused, and now that this has happened, it has propelled me into fighting harder, and louder. I am looking into tour current laws to see how I can get Chanse, and every other person in a position of power who choose to abuse that power, to lose the right to hold that position ever again in life, thus changing theirs as they have their victims. I am saddened this has happened, and would hope the county government, police department, and everyone on a professional/personal level, would feel the same as well.

If a police officer would do this to their own, how can they judge accurately, what is right and wrong; Their views of those definitions are obviously distorted and cannot be trusted.

These people should never have the opportunity to stand and make judgement, especially caring a weapon—in the name f the law.

I also wanted to ask why his charges are not stated on his booking page, it does not state domestic assault, battery, or abuse?

Thank you very much for your time, it really is sad for my reason in reaching out.

Bridget R Drake
[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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From: Frank Topper [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:16 PM
To: bopc@kcpd.org
Subject: FYI: two new songs about what makes us the same

Dear police commission,
Good day.
A couple positive perspective songs inspired by our Michigan sheriff.
Thank you.
Frank Topper
[REDACTED]

For younger audience – That's Us
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3wIQWFWzCB4>

For less young audience – Minute of Eternity
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqB7VFI7foM>

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Dear Board of Police Commissioners

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I DEMAND JUSTICE FOR

Ryan Stokes! We Need
Independent Investigations
of all officers involved
shootings & excessive use of force!

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST END!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

Tasha Vockrodt from Kansas.

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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS BY THE KCPD BECAUSE** *You never*

know weak parts or pressure points
that a person has. People might be
vulnerable to a certain spot/touch.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

Brandon from *Alothe*

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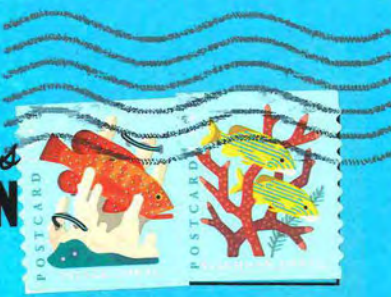
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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS BY THE KCPD BECAUSE** They have been

holding to long, too tight, and to

oppressive which has lead to kcpd

killing people who are not resisting

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

Aundre'vious from Kansas City, Kansas

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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS** BY THE KCPD BECAUSE Police officers

are forcing it to pay Excessive Charge
People

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

Markel from KCPD

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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS** BY THE KCPD BECAUSE The Community

from Kansas will look at them as bad

Cops but we need them to act good so

we look at them as good cops.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

Cristian Morales from clalhe

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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS, AND KNEEHOLDS BY THE KCPD BECAUSE *It's unnecessary*

It leads to death and for pedestrians

to get hurt when all you need to

do is handcuff them not physically hurting them. It's just sad

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

Brianna from *Olathe*

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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS BY THE KCPD BECAUSE** Some people

are scared of Police that is why we don't

we cant just put your hand

on some body back or neck

we look at you for help sometimes

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

AJ from Atlanta

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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS, AND KNEEHOLDS BY THE KCPD BECAUSE it is unnecessary

to use these techniques on any citizen

unless it's a life or death situation. No one

should die due to inadequate training. Life matters

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

Sadi K.

from Olathe, Ks.

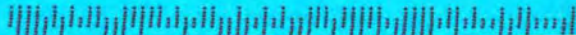
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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS BY THE KCPD BECAUSE** It's not

affective Policing, but it's

affecting families.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.
SINCERELY,

Charles Riley from Olathe, ks

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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS** BY THE KCPD BECAUSE *in most cases*

it's almost never necessary and we have

a countless number of deaths that aren't

deserved. (and injuries also)

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

Hailey *from* *Mission, KS*

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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS BY THE KCPD BECAUSE** ~~these methods~~

~~these methods~~ these methods KILL
people. Police shouldnt kill people.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

 from Kansas City

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POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS BY THE KCPD BECAUSE _____**

*Black lives matter
and the people should not
live in fear of the police.*

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

Kendra from *Leneya*

KANSAS CITY MO

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POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS BY THE KCPD BECAUSE** _____

all lives matter

ONLY WHEN

Black lives Matter

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

Kendra _____ *from Lenexa* _____

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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS BY THE KCPD BECAUSE** _____

**8:46. EIGHT
MINUTES AND FORTY
SIX SECONDS.**

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

Kendra _____ *from* *hexa* _____

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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS** BY THE KCPD BECAUSE my

friends deserve peace. Americans

should not live in fear of

authority - especially people of
color.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

Sarah

from Belton, MO

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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS BY THE KCPD BECAUSE** *You wouldn't want*

*to be under the boot. We all need to have a fair
chance under the law.*

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THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

Yuhui, RN _____ *from Kansas city*

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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS BY THE KCPD BECAUSE _____**

*Everyone deserves a fair chance under
the law.*

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.
SINCERELY,**

Chloe Clark from *Kansas City*

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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS** BY THE KCPD BECAUSE *such methods are*

*deadly. Police too often resort to the use of
deadly and potentially deadly force. Police should
protect people, not kill them.*

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

Klinon from *Be. Horton*

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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS BY THE KCPD BECAUSE *this should*

be an offense that is upheld

by courts & federal law. This

is cruel & unusual punishment
that should not be allowed by

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

Michelle from *KCK*

KANSAS CITY MO
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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS BY THE KCPD BECAUSE _____**

INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE

EVERYWHERE!!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

CHRIS WORTON from *VERONA HILLS*

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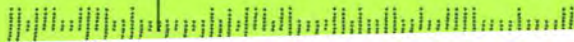


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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS BY THE KCPD BECAUSE** ~~_____~~

They are inhumane!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.
SINCERELY,

August Norton from *Kansas City, MO*

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KANSAS CITY

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15 JUN '20

Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS** BY THE KCPD BECAUSE *we need to*

stop the Abuse!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.
SINCERELY,

from Denise

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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS, AND KNEEHOLDS BY THE KCPD BECAUSE we should

hold police to a higher standard,
not a lower one.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

Nick Lucafo from Kansas City, KS.

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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS, AND KNEEHOLDS BY THE KCPD BECAUSE deescalation

practices need to be put in place first. I would

love to see more un-armed officers around

downtown building trust with the neighborhood.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

Adri Guyer from KCMO

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13 JUN 20

Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS** BY THE KCPD BECAUSE Our Community

can't afford to lose any more
lives to dangerous and unnecessary
violence.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

Torve Norton from Kansas City

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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS** BY THE KCPD BECAUSE these holds

can be dangerous + civilian

safety must be protected.

BLM!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

Helsey Brown from Kansas City

address
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Dear Board of Police Commissioners,

POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS** BY THE KCPD BECAUSE I've lost a

loved one due to police brutality.

Make it stop!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

SINCERELY,

Madyson M. from Lenexa KS

KANSAS CITY 6410

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POLICE BRUTALITY MUST COME TO AN END!

**I DEMAND A BAN ON ALL STRANGLEHOLDS, CHOKEHOLDS,
AND KNEEHOLDS** BY THE KCPD BECAUSE *nobody's Human Rights*

should be taken/violated because of the color of their skin.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

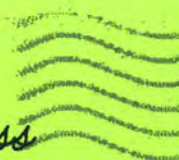
SINCERELY,

Skylar We _____ *from Lenexa* _____

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