

Mayor Daniel Horrigan,

We the community residents, tax payers, and registered voters of Akron are writing to inform you of the community's disgust with The Akron Police Department. This police department has killed over 45 people since 2000, and 21 of those deaths have been on your watch as Mayor and Top Cop of the City of Akron.

Your record as mayor is disturbing and shows proof of a culture of escalation over de-escalation and a lack of love, compassion, and humanity for the citizens of Akron particularly the Blacker and poorer parts of Akron. This culture has created a hostile relationship between the citizens and APD, and there is no trust in this current department's leadership under you and Public Safety Director Charlie Brown.

You have created task force after task force that has sent recommendations that have not been honored or implemented. We have a Police Auditor who has no subpoena power and no staff to adequately do his job. You have served us lip service for close to eight years now and we will not stand for it any longer.

- We are demanding the Public Safety Director, Charles Browns, resign or be terminated immediately.
- We are demanding that the Department of Justice and the US Federal Attorney of the Northern District of Ohio, Bridget M. Brennan, implement a consent decree in the city of Akron, like the one issued in the city of Cleveland, to investigate the APD's culture, policies, procedures and training. State and local lawmakers should ensure that the police that are patrolling the Black community are from a similar community.
- We are demanding that The City of Akron release all body camera footage from all 8 police officers involved in the shooting and any other officers on the scene. All officers involved should be placed on unpaid administrative leave and the 8 officers who discharged their weapons should be immediately fired.
- We demand that the city of Akron divest from the Akron police department and fully fund mental health trauma services, especially in our Black and brown communities, for all of us who are impacted by the state-sponsored and state-sanctioned violence and trauma from the murder of Jayland Walker.

This letter will also be forwarded to the FBI and Homeland Security. We are looking to see movement on these demands by Monday July 11, 2022 or we will be back!!

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