

Public Testimony for today's meeting

Dear JTPUFR,

Thank you for the work that you are doing, and for this opportunity to have my voice heard. This has been a very difficult period of time for us all. As I have watched things unfold over the past five years, I've been appalled by the willingness of those in power (Mayor Wheeler and the PPB specifically) to pretend that they do not hear the voice of the people demanding much stronger change in this city. These necessary changes have been crystal clear from the beginning, and it seems that Mayor Wheeler and the PPB want to pretend to not understand the message that is being sent to them by their real employers: the citizens of this city.

LC 742: The use of chemical weapons of war should never be used on civilians. How many times does this need to be said? Anyone who has been in the streets attempting to peacefully protest will face potential long term side effects, and the city itself might suffer as a result of run off into our drainage system!

LC 743: Officers should not be able to hide their names and badge numbers. This is a basic, basic form of transparency that is necessary. The people will never trust a police bureau that attempts to hide behind anonymity.

LC 747: The PPB's function should be to protect and serve, not intimidate, escalate and brutalize.

LC 762: This is another form of basic transparency. We, the public, should be able to access information that keeps us safe.

LC 825: End qualified immunity now.

Thank you.

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