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Mayor Fischer,

Thank you for making time yesterday to discuss Louisville citizens' hopes and concerns.

I was disappointed at how few details you were able to provide to the questions we asked you in advance. As the Mayor you have access to answers. Are you not asking the same questions as the citizens of Louisville?

To summarize Friday's meeting, we implore and demand action from you, our Mayor, on the following:

1. Officers who shot and killed Breonna Taylor: If there is a reason why the other LMPD shooters at the scene should not be fired, as you encourage us to infer, we demand you share this information with the public now. You cannot continue to use the criminal investigation as an excuse to keep this city waiting and fomenting over the employment future of all who are responsible for Breonna's death.
2. Officer who lied to get no-knock warrant: Why have you not announced disciplinary charges for this officer? Justice delayed is justice denied.
3. LMPD and National Guard dispatched to clear 26th and Broadway: We demand to know how and why the decision was made to invade West Louisville with military tactics. Who requested it, who developed the plan, and who authorized it? Were you informed of this plan in advance? Did you support this decision? And do you support it now, in retrospect?
4. LMPD shooting at citizens at 26th and Broadway, including as they retreated into a building: We demand disciplinary action against all officers who acted in this way as well as disciplinary action against the commanders who led them into this situation.
5. No LMPD activated body cameras at 26th and Broadway: You have not announced a single consequence for this blatant disregard of LMPD policy. Your silence is completely unacceptable to the citizens of Louisville. How many of the 20+ officers on the scene who failed to activate their cameras that night have received previous disciplinary action for failing to activate their body cam?

Here is the Kentucky Center for Investigative Reporting's article I cited on how few PIUs are completed. It states, "The Gazaway shooting is one of at least 37 shootings since 2011 that are still under investigation. The department has **closed only one of its PIU investigations into police shootings in the last two and a half years**, according to LMPD's database."

You questioned this detail. If your office has different data, please provide it. The public needs to know. This is why your reference to "completing the investigation" is heard as a **stall tactic and evasion**.

Mayor, if you fail to address these questions quickly our city's division will widen and more deaths will likely result. This is surely not your desire.

On the other hand, if you announce clear, substantive disciplinary action for all who acted and decided wrongly in the matters above, it will begin to heal and bring hope to our city.

In the name of God and for the sake of our city, Mayor, please do the right thing.

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P.S. A reminder that you said you would look into KyCIR report's claim that "More than seven months after the shooting, LMPD still has Stephenson Carter's car, which Gazaway drove to the Kroger. They told her they couldn't return it until after the investigation was closed."