

Mayor Andrew J. Ginther

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Dear Mayor Ginther

I am a member of the BREAD organization which represents 41 congregations in the Columbus area. I would like to applaud you for seeking a new Police Chief from outside of the current division of police force. I would also ask you to consider hiring a person who will:

- 1) Be aware of and supportive to change the current culture of racism, heavy handed policing that currently exist within the Columbus Police Department, particularly in black and brown communities.
- 2) Be supportive and implement transparency, and legitimacy within CPD.
- 3) Be supportive and implement a restorative practice for communities and individuals who have been harmed by the misconduct of a CPD officer and also implement community meetings with officers and harmed communities.
- 4) Be a person willing to support non-police response models such as CAHOOTS.
- 5) Be willing to promote and utilize training in peer intervention models such as A.B.L.E. out of Georgetown University.

Again, we applaud you on seeking a new police chief from outside of the organization and taking steps to ensure that we have the best result possible and in taking the above recommendations I am confident we will.

Sincerely,

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