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Citizen Censure of Councilpersons Ed Zucal, Daryl Hendricks, and Candida Affa

Wednesday, August 5th, 2020

Resolved by the citizens of the City of Allentown, that

WHEREAS, as sworn officials Councilpersons Ed Zucal, Daryl Hendricks, and Candida Affa took an oath to uphold the Allentown City charter and the constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau estimates that the population of Allentown consists of 52.2% Hispanic people, 33% Non-hispanic White people, 14.2% Black or African American people, 4.8% multi-racial people, 2.5% Asian people; and

WHEREAS, as a whole, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color make up 74.6% of the population of Allentown; and

WHEREAS, #BlackLivesMatter was founded in 2013 and has as its mission to eradicate white supremacy and build local power to intervene in violence inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes by countering acts of violence, creating space for Black imagination and innovation, and centering Black joy; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2020 an incident involving a Hispanic citizen of Allentown in the throes of a physical health crisis took place outside of St. Luke's Hospital's Sacred Heart Campus and resulted in the violent and forceful restraint of said individual by two officers of the Allentown Police Department; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of a fast, meaningful response by the Mayor or the Police Chief to address the concerns of the public about a social media video watched by thousands of people, citizens of Allentown mobilized a large, non-violent demonstration to present a number of demands and expectations directly to city leadership; and

WHEREAS, this was only one of numerous safe and non-violent demonstrations organized across Allentown and the Lehigh Valley in solidarity with #BlackLivesMatter; and

WHEREAS, dozens of elected officials throughout the City of Allentown, Lehigh County, the United States House of Representatives, and the United States Senate openly participated in such demonstrations being that they are members of the public; and

WHEREAS, dozens of elected officials made official statements in solidarity with #BlackLivesMatter including Allentown Councilpersons Ce-Ce Gerlach, Joshua Siegel, Cynthia Mota and Julio Guridy; and

WHEREAS, Councilpersons Zucal, Hendricks, and Affa made no statement in support of the lives of Black people; and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Affa has posted photos on her personal Social Media propagating stereotypes of Arab people, and the text, “Italian Lives Matter;” and

WHEREAS, over three hours of public comment at the July 15, 2020 council meeting made clear the overwhelming sentiments of the public and citizens of Allentown that further action from the Mayor and Chief of Police were needed; and

WHEREAS, the Allentown Police Department, through civil misuse of force lawsuits continues to put the City of Allentown in a position of future litigation and through settlements of such lawsuits has cost the City of Allentown more than \$1.7 million since 2015; and

WHEREAS, District Attorney Jim Martin conducted a rapid and internal investigation of the July 11 incident which mischaracterized the events on video and resulted in the dismissal of all claims that excessive force was used; and

WHEREAS, Councilpersons Ce-Ce Gerlach and Joshua Siegel introduced a thoughtful resolution in response to widespread citizen dissent and civic action called Resolution 86; and

WHEREAS, in a July 29 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting to discussion Resolution 86, Councilpersons Zucal, Hendricks, and Affa made statements pledging unconditional fealty to the Allentown Police Department, used coded language to describe the Black and brown citizens of Allentown, and called into question the motives and actions of other council members without due process; and

WHEREAS, Councilpersons Zucal, Hendricks, and Affa have made no meaningful attempt to engage with concerned citizens and social justice organizations in the City of Allentown, and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Affa openly encouraged angry, armed “Back the Blue” protesters outside of city hall on July 29 2020; and

WHEREAS, a resolution has been introduced to censure Councilpersons Gerlach and Siegal as a result of their participation in just, widespread, and peaceful demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, Councilpersons Gerlach and Siegel received the top two highest vote totals in the 2019 general election for city council; and

WHEREAS, the censure intentionally misrepresents the motives, actions, and constitutional right to free speech of the citizens of Allentown and numerous respected community organizations as well as disparages and risks the retraumatization of an individual citizen of Allentown; and

WHEREAS, the censure implies that members of this council should be forbidden from exercising their right to freedom of speech, their right to peaceably assemble, and their right to petition the government for a redress of grievances in clear violation of rights afforded to all US Citizens by the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Councilmen Zucal and Hendricks are both veterans of the Allentown Police Department; and

WHEREAS, by their positions, actions statements, Councilpersons Zucal, Hendricks, and Affa have shown that they can no longer be “Objective” to any business relating to the Allentown Police Department or this council; and

WHEREAS, by their introduction of the censure resolution they have caused themselves to have no trust bestowed upon them by the citizens that elected them; and

WHEREAS, they have demonstrated that they have not only betrayed their oaths of office, but have shown that they are unfit and unworthy to hold the position of Councilperson in the City of Allentown,

Now, therefore, the People of Allentown do go on record to censure Councilpersons Zucal, Hendricks, and Affa and to admonish their conduct that negatively reflects on the City Council of Allentown and the majority Black and brown citizens that call Allentown home.

Be It Also Resolved That, the citizens of Allentown do hereby demand the immediate resignation of Councilpersons Zucal, Hendricks, and Affa and a public apology from the same to the Black and brown citizens of Allentown for denying their democratic voice, safety, well-being.

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1. ✓ Stephanie Miller	621 N Randolph St	08-2-20	Stephanie Miller
2. Zhyere Washington	1964 S Idaho St	08-2-20	Zhyere Washington
3. ✓ Melva Wilson	917 W. Cedar St	8/2/20	Melva Wilson
4. Lilionna Alves	917 W. Cedar St	8/2/20	Lilionna Alves
5. ✓ Janice Primer	717 Clark St	8-2-20	Janice Primer
6. CHRIS BASS	718 W. 2ND St	8-2-20	Chris Bass
7. Emelie Aviles	1341 W Linden St	8/2/20	Emelie Aviles
8. ✓ Jadya Sharber	528 Benner Road Apt 101 Allentown 18104	8/2/20	Jadya Sharber
9. ✓ Ariel Pollak	528 Benner Road Apt 101 Allentown 18104	8/2/20	Ariel Pollak
10. Janelle Evans	15 N 20th Street Allentown PA 18104	8/2/20	Janelle Evans

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1. Lekisha Wilson	120 N 2nd St	8/1/20	Lekisha Wilson
✓ 2. Hana Cannon	1038 S. Jefferson St	8/1/20	Hana Cannon
3. Dotie Brown Jr	953 W Cedar St	8/2/20	Dotie Brown Jr
4. Suzanne Masters	1038 S. Jefferson	8/2/20	S. Masters
✓ 5. Adonis Cannon	1038 S. Jefferson St	8/2/20	Adonis Cannon
6. Antoinette Murrell	4907 E Woodlawn St	8/2/20	Antoinette Murrell
7. Jason P Nelson	328 PENNYCREST ROAD	8/2/20	JPN
8. Julian Cannon	1038 S Jefferson	8/2/20	Julian Cannon
✓ 9. Charles Rockmore	394 W. Tilghman St Apt 3	8/2/2020	Charles Rockmore
10. Kammamari Wil	133 E Woodlawn	8/2/2000	Kammamari Wil

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1. Nathaniel Rosario	1324 W. Hamilton St Apt. 2	8/1/2020	Nathaniel Rosario
2. Norma Rosario	1324 W. Hamilton Allentown, Pa. 18102	8/1/20	Norma Rosario
3. Maurice Anderson	1175 4th St Allentown	8/1/20	Maurice Anderson
4. Jason Boyle	218 N. 4th St Allentown Pa.	8/1/20	Jason Boyle
5. Rick Katsaros	500 N. 4th St Coopers, PA.	8/1/20	Rick Katsaros
6. Jessica Tummarcello	1055 Ridgecroft Ave Allentown, PA 18102	8/1/20	Jessica Tummarcello
7. Anthony Roth	25 S 4th St	8/1/20	Anthony Roth
8. Oliver Reilly	2615 W Fairview Allentown PA St.	8/2/20	Oliver Reilly
9. Jennifer Alpha	2615 W. Fairview Allentown, PA 18104	8/2/20	Jennifer Alpha
10. Katelyn Quinn	35 N 19th St Apt A Allentown, PA 18104	8/2/20	Katelyn Quinn







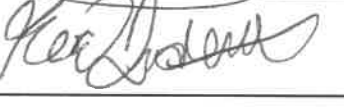

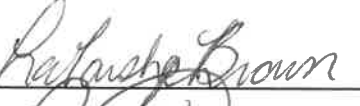

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✓ 1. Yumaira Saavedra Moco	227 N 2nd St, Allentown PA	8/1/20	Yumaira Saavedra Moco
✓ 2. Michael Jimenez	659 W Brookdale	8/1/20	How they
✓ 3. Angel Mares	1137 S. Jefferson St Allentown, PA	8/1/20	Angel Mares
✓ 4. Carlos Perodin	205 N 6th St Allentown, PA	8/1/20	Carlos Perodin
✓ 5. Jamie Mitchell	447 E Lexington St Allentown, PA 18103	8/1/20	Jamie Mitchell
✓ 6. JOHN MITCHELL	447 E. Lexington Allentown, Pa. 18103	8/1/20	John Mitchell
✓ 7. Stephanie Mitchell	447 E Lexington St. Allentown, PA 18103	8/1/20	Stephanie Mitchell
✓ 8. Sally Mitchell	447 E. Lexington St. Allentown	8/1/20	Sally Mitchell
✓ 9. John Santana	925 West Chew St #103 Allentown, PA, 18102	8/2/20	John C. Santana
✓ 10. Timothy Jony	35 N 19th St Apt A	8/2/20	Timothy Jony









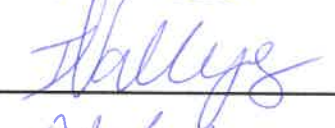
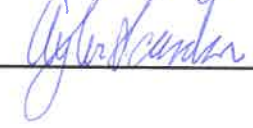
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2. Alex Matos	811 Campbell	8.1.2020	
3. Abdul-Rafeeq M. Uddin	36 S. 5th St #15	8/1/2020	
4. Tychele Graham	27 N 7th Street	8/1/2020	
5. Benjamin Moskowitz	27 N 7th Street	8/1/2020	
6. Liam Stephens	1613 W. 13th	8/1/2020	
7. Keri Lindenmuth	1000 N. Wagner St.	8/1/2020	
8. Brock Kline II	954 Oak Street Allentown PA. 18102	8-1-2020	
9. Latarsha Brown	621 N Randolph St Allentown PA, 18109	8/1/2020	
10. Robyn Weaver	2037 W. Washington St. Allentown, PA 18104	8/1/2020	




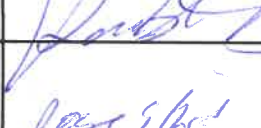
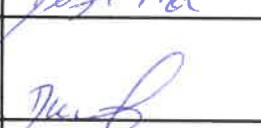

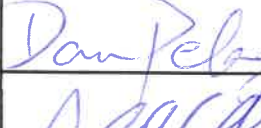
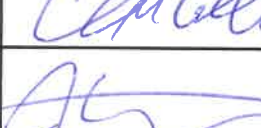

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1. Jillian Lopez	32 N. 16th St Allentown, PA 18102	8/1/2020	
2. Jocelyn Lopez	1424 Middlsex rd Allentown, PA 18103	8/1/2020	
✓ 3. Noelle Boucher	910 S Front St Allentown	8/1/2020	
4. Chris Boucher	↓ 1810-3	8/1/2020	
✓ 5. Josline Lizarry	1037 W. Turner Allentown PA 18104	8/1/2020	
6. Emily Zimmermann	1105 Spring Garden St. Allentown PA 18102	8/1/2020	
7. Michelle Briggs	1105 Spring Garden St Allentown PA 18102	8.1.20	
8. Alena Slak	5340 Prophets Way Allentown, PA 18106	8/1/20	
9. Isabella Vallegos	1044 Tree Line Dr Allentown PA 18103	8/1/20	
10. Aylor Scandola	304 Benne Road Allentown PA 18104	8/1/2020	






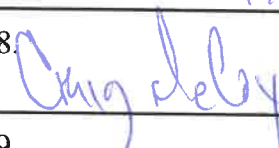


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1. Chris Noegel	348 N 9th St Apt 1R	8/1/20	
2. Jose Rivera	1092 Cedar St Lot 392	8/1/20	
3. CRAIG FATH	275 10th St Allentown PA 18102	8/1/20	
4. Robert Dmucha	939 Hamilton PA 18101	8/1/20	
5. Jose Rodriguez	215 Franklin St 18102	8-1-20	
6. Darbelis Espinal	933 BONTON ST Allentown PA 18103	8-1-20	
7. Hannah Miller	1921 1/2 W. Allen	8/1/20	
8. Dan Pelagio	1921 1/2 W. Allen	8/1/2020	Dan Pelagio
9. Charles Collett	1881 Molinaro Dr.	8/1/20	
10. Jessica Collett	1881 Molinaro Dr	8/1/20	




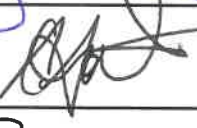
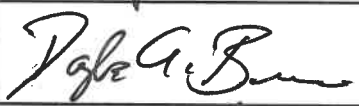
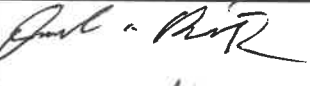

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1. Jose Ortiz	1430 1573 Capitola dr	8/1/20	
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3.  Osvaldo Miranda	633 4 th ST	8/1/20	
✓ 4. Daniel G. Eagan	1801 W. Liberty Street	8/1/20	Daniel G Eagan
5. Shawna Knipper	1820 Elbow Ln	8/1/20	Shawna Knipper
6. DANIEL WOODS	24 South 5 th St	8/1/20	Daniel Woods
✓ 7. KRANNATT PAPER	829 N 21 ST ST	8/1/2020	
8. 	104 Little Ave Lane	8/1/2020	
✓ 9. Arthur L. Benson	1123 W. Linden St 638	8/1/2020	
10. Jay Bickford	1125 13 th St Allentown	8/1/2020	

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✓ 1. Alejandra Santos	810 S. 12th St. #7 Allentown PA 18103	8/1/20	
✓ 2. Bianca Ortiz	1125 N 19th St Allentown PA 18104	8/1/20	
✓ 3. Natesha Santos	136 S. 13th St. Allentown PA 18104	8/1/20	
✓ 4. Connie Santos	8275 Jefferson St Apt 3 Allentown PA 18103	8/1/20	
5. Douglas Brero	313 N. 10th St APT #1 Allentown PA 18102	8/1/2020	
6. Jonah Adamcik	2400 W Chew St. Allentown Pa 18104	8/1/2020	
7. Chad W. Dener	1124 Middlesex Rd Allentown PA 18103	8/2/2020	
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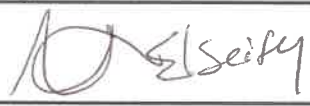



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1. Angel Ramirez	3127 S Church Street Whitehall PA	08/01/2020	
2. Aya Mohamed	1032 N Whitman St Allentown PA 18104	8/1/20	
3. Hagar Mohamed	1032 North Whitman St Allentown PA 18104	8/1/2020	
4. Belal Mohamed	1032 North Whitman Street Allentown PA	08/01/2020	
5. Aya Kanan	5828 Snowy Orchid Ln Allentown PA 18104	08/01/2020	
6. Nahed Elscify	1032 N Whitman Allentown 18104	08/02/2020	
7. Magdy Mohamed	1032 N Whitman Allentown 18104	08/02/20	
✓ 8. JULE THOMASES	824 N. Broad St Allentown PA 18104	08/02/20	
✓ 9. Ashleigh Strange	815 S. Front St Allentown PA 18103	8-3-20	
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