

November 6, 2018

The Honorable Rich David, Mayor of the City of Binghamton
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Re: YWCA

Dear Mayor David:

On September 11, 2018, the YWCA posted a Facebook statement accusing the Binghamton Police Department of “blatant racism and brutality” regarding an incident on September 8, 2018. The Board of Directors of the YWCA, through its representatives, were given an opportunity to observe all of the videotape taken by the YWCA inside their building, as well as the body-cam footage from the Police. Upon careful investigation by the Board, it was clear that neither racism, brutality, nor aggressive behavior were exhibited by the Binghamton Police Officers.

The Board wishes to apologize to the Binghamton Police Department for its rush to judgment and these false accusations. Due to incorrect and incomplete information provided by community members not part of our organization, the YWCA made charges that were unsubstantiated.

It is very important for the YWCA that they have a good working relationship with the City of Binghamton and the Binghamton Police Department. The YWCA looks forward to a continued relationship that is beneficial to both the City and the YWCA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan M. Seibold-Simpson".

Susan M. Seibold-Simpson PhD, MPH, RN, FNP
President, Board of Directors

