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The members of the Dayton Fraternal Order of Police #44 took an oath to uphold all Federal, State, and Local laws with the highest integrity, and professionalism without bias of sex, race or religious beliefs. We take great pride in serving ALL members of the community of Dayton to ensure the protection of life and property.

The current turmoil unfolding across this country is the result of tragic incidents that have transpired outside of our community, and even our state. It has brought on a national debate over the excessive use-of- force by police officers across the nation. However, it should not immediately be concluded that members of the Dayton Police Department are responsible for such acts. In fact, this very issue was examined in 2018, and a report prepared by the Human Relations Council, Community Police Council, and Dayton Police Department members found differently. Jared Grandy delivered the results of a study, and expressed in a City Commission meeting, that Dayton officers almost never use excessive force, and officers involved in 841 out of the 849 use-of-force cases were exonerated in the investigations. At that time, Dayton leaders praised members of the Community-Police Council and the Dayton Police Department for providing important transparency, and working to educate the public about the complaint and review process. The FOP has taken pride in these facts but also realizes this is an ongoing national and local issue, and is open to continuing to find productive resolutions to such issues.

On Wednesday June 3, 2020, City of Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley announced a 5-step initiative in an effort to address these issues. The FOP#44 is committed to continuing minority recruitment efforts. We welcome the idea of implementation of police body cameras to increase the transparency initiative. We would also support constructive dialog on the implementation of a community review committee.

Furthermore, the FOP #44 finds the calls for termination or resignation of Chief Richard Biehl to be unwarranted. The FOP#44 stands by and is committed to Chief Richard Biehl for his tremendous leadership and dedication to repairing and strengthening community relationships.

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