

Letter to the Board of Police Commissioners

May 24, 2022

Board of Police Commissioners
Kansas City, MO Police Department
1125 Locust St
Kansas City, MO 64106

Kansas City, Missouri Board of Police Commissioners,

You face a critical decision in the months ahead: selection of our city's next Chief of Police.

We respectfully submit the attached report detailing the data and feedback from community listening sessions and public survey responses our organizations collected regarding the search for a new Chief of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department.

Beginning in March of 2022 a coalition of our sixteen organizations from the business, ecumenical, interfaith, and anti-violence community convened to establish an early, accessible, and effective platform for the public to engage in the search process for the new Police Chief. Our coalition includes:

- Asian American Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City
- Black Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City
- Civic Council of Greater Kansas City
- Downtown Council
- Getting to the Heart of the Matter
- Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce
- Heartland Black Chamber of Commerce
- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City
- Hispanic Economic Development Corporation
- KC Common Good
- Mid-America LGBT Chamber of Commerce
- Northeast Chamber of Commerce
- Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Prospect Business Association
- South Kansas City Alliance
- South Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

The coalition held a series of seven community listening sessions across Kansas City, Missouri. In addition, modified sessions were held with the Boards of Directors of the Northland Regional Chamber and the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. Sessions were delivered in a consistent and moderated format to gather as much input as possible. Participants were asked to discuss a series of questions relating to effective community engagement, transparency, and accountability.

In addition to the listening sessions, a survey was circulated throughout the community to seek feedback from residents about the leadership qualities, priorities, and qualifications of the next Chief of Police. Simultaneously, a second survey was made available to Kansas City Police Department personnel. The coalition was pleased to receive a total of 1,373 responses, 1,192 of which were from community members and 181 from KCPD.

We believe these responses reveal a powerful desire for community engagement from all parties during both the search process and beyond, as well as other insights that can be helpful to the BOPC, its search consultants, and, ultimately, the new Chief of Police.

Enclosed is a detailed report providing additional context, analysis, and data about community feedback on the next KCPD Chief of Police. As the Board begins its search for a new Chief of Police, our hope is that this feedback offers a real-time perspective on the desires of the community.

Our coalition remains committed to aiding the search process and supporting the BOPC with this important next step to improving public safety in Kansas City. We hope to engage with the BOPC and its consultant to further include our community in the search for the next Police Chief.

Please let us know how we can be helpful as this process continues.

Sook Park

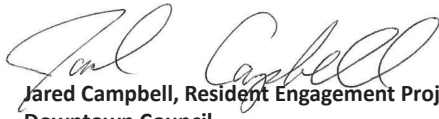
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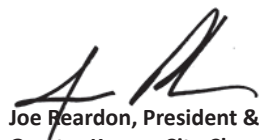
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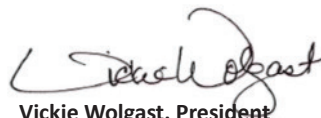
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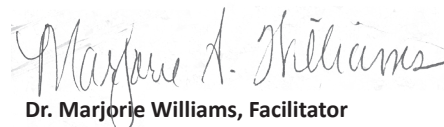
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