

Beko, Michele

From: Beko, Michele <Michele_Beko@cityoflorain.org>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 11:57 AM
To: Kokoski, Lori; Bradley, Jack
Subject: FW: OCRC Letter of Determination
Attachments: DOC.pdf

Please find copy of the Letter of Determination from the Ohio Civil Rights Commission in the matter of Aaron Knapp v City Lorain (Director of HR). This matter is now closed.

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Asst. Law Director

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Beko, Michele

From: Kalo, Ted <Ted_Kalo@cityoflorain.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 1:17 PM
To: Beko, Michele; Koziura, Joseph; Carbonaro, Joseph
Cc: Strader, John
Subject: RE: Records Requests for contracts.

I do not have any contracts with the City of Sheffield Lake.

From: Beko, Michele <Michele_Beko@cityoflorain.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 11:49 AM
To: Koziura, Joseph <Joe_Koziura@cityoflorain.org>; Carbonaro, Joseph <Joseph_Carbonaro@cityoflorain.org>; Kalo, Ted <Ted_Kalo@cityoflorain.org>
Cc: Strader, John <John_Strader@cityoflorain.org>
Subject: FW: Records Requests for contracts.

Good Morning!

Don needs copy of the contracts listed below by you Joe. Also, if there any contracts for any type of services with the Lorain Municipal Court/Clerk of Courts Office/Sheffield Lake, please send copy of those.

Thank you – Michele

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From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 1:05 PM
To: Koziura, Joseph <Joe_Koziura@cityoflorain.org>
Cc: Robert J. Gargas <rjgargas@gmail.com>; Kokoski, Lori <Lori_Kokoski@cityoflorain.org>; Carrion, Rey <Rey_Carrion@cityoflorain.org>; Bradley, Jack <Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>; Riley, Patrick <Patrick_Riley@cityoflorain.org>; Zaleski, Don <Don_Zaleski@cityoflorain.org>; Arredondo, Joel <joel_arredondo@cityoflorain.org>; City Council Mail Group <CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org>; Radeff, Rocky <Rocky_Radeff@cityoflorain.org>; Morris, Jacob <Jacob_Morris@cityoflorain.org>; McCann, James - Chief <Jim_McCann@cityoflorain.org>; Harper, Anita <Anita_Harper@cityoflorain.org>; Andrew Geronimo JD <andrew.geronimo@case.edu>; Tom Niewulis <tniewulis@ncdcs.com>; Mike Mason <Mike.Mason@woio.com>; Brad Dicken <BDicken@chroniclet.com>; Brian Ames <bmames00@gmail.com>; Carissa Woytach <cwoytach@chroniclet.com>; VEK6173@aol.com; Natalio Rodriguez <natalio@centurytel.net>; Jackie Conrad <botanist62@hotmail.com>; Kathryn Kennedy <kathrynkennedy627@gmail.com>; Kirsten Hill <kirsten@kirstenhill.com>; Monica D. Pluta <Monica.Pluta@lcprosecutor.org>; Craig Snodgrass <auditor@loraincounty.com>; David J Moore <dmoore@loraincounty.us>; jridell@loraincounty.us;

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Subject: Re: Records Requests for contracts.

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What about contracts with the municipal court? In recent budget talk's Sheffield Lake received or made payments to the city of Lorain for something? What's that? Do you have an agreement for the municipal court and Sheffield lake, or do they have their own?

How does that work?

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p), BSSW

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On Jan 31, 2025, at 10:14, Koziura, Joseph <Joe_Koziura@cityoflorain.org> wrote:

To all concerned,

The following items are the only contracts that this office is aware of, at this time, concerning the cities of Lorain and Sheffield Lake.

Mutual Aide for Safety Forces

Water Pollution Control (Sewage Services)

Regards,

Joe

From: Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 4:25 PM

To: Koziura, Joseph <Joe_Koziura@cityoflorain.org>; Kokoski, Lori <Lori_Kokoski@cityoflorain.org>; Carrion, Rey <Rey_Carrion@cityoflorain.org>; Bradley, Jack <Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>; Riley, Patrick <Patrick_Riley@cityoflorain.org>; Zaleski, Don <Don_Zaleski@cityoflorain.org>; Arredondo, Joel <joel_arredondo@cityoflorain.org>; City Council Mail Group <CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org>; Radeff, Rocky <Rocky_Radeff@cityoflorain.org>; Morris, Jacob <Jacob_Morris@cityoflorain.org>; McCann, James - Chief <Jim_McCann@cityoflorain.org>

Cc: Harper, Anita <Anita_Harper@cityoflorain.org>; Andrew Geronimo JD <andrew.geronimo@case.edu>; Robert J Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>; Aaron Knapp

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Subject: Fwd: Records Requests for contracts.

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ALL

Garon had requested city contracts Lorain has with Sheffield Lake, Ohio, service and monetary contracts lists.

Per 149.43 or any ORC that requires the public records to be made public when asked for.

As you are or may be a custodian of such records please provide them as requested by Mr. Petty.

The response provided by the Law Department is not adequate as it should have been referred to the appropriate custodian of the appropriate records.

The service director and auditor should each be a repository of such public records, correct?

Please respond to Mr. Petty.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>

Date: January 28, 2025 at 3:38:00 PM EST

To: Lindsay Carr <Lindsay.Carr@ohioago.gov>, lcp@lcprosecutor.org, NortheastRegion@ohioauditor.gov

Cc: "Harper, Anita" <Anita_Harper@cityoflorain.org>, "Andrew Geronimo, JD" <andrew.geronimo@case.edu>, Robert J Gargas <rjgargas@gmail.com>, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>, Tom Niewulis <tniewulis@ncdcs.com>, Mike Mason <Mike.Mason@woio.com>, Brad Dicken <BDicken@chroniclet.com>, Brian Ames

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Subject: Records Requests for contracts.

Hello Ms Carr, Lorain County Prosecutor and Northeast Region of Ohio Auditor,

I am now asking for an investigation why I cant get my records request fulfilled from the City of Lorain, Ohio?

Hello, please send me a list of all contracts the city of Lorain, Ohio has with the city of Sheffield Lake, Ohio, service and monetary contracts lists. Per 149.43 or any ORC that requires the public records to be made public when asked for.

Thank You

Garon Petty January 17, 2025

"Mr. Petty,

Please be informed that this office is not the keeper of any documents which constitute "a list of all contracts the City of Lorain has with the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio and monetary contracts lists." You may wish to contact the Utilities Dept.

Law Director Riley" January 27, 2025

Help us in Lorain, Ohio please,
Garon Petty

Beko, Michele

From: Arroyo, Angel <Angel_Arroyo@cityoflorain.org>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 8:53 AM
To: Zaleski, Don
Cc: LaVeck, Joseph
Subject: Fw: Outstanding Public Records Requests

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From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 27, 2025 12:07:16 PM
To: Garon Petty <onelung2014@gmail.com>
Cc: Arroyo, Angel <Angel_Arroyo@cityoflorain.org>; City Council Mail Group <CityCouncilMailGroup@cityoflorain.org>; Fox <tips@fox8.com>; Mike Mason <Mike.Mason@woio.com>; Noelle Williams <Noelle.Williams@woio.com>; Lorain daily <erik@loraindaily.com>; Clevescene <news@clevescene.com>; Robert J. Gargas <rjgargas@gmail.com>; Bradley, Jack <Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>; Carrion, Rey <Rey_Carrion@cityoflorain.org>; Brian Ames <bames00@gmail.com>; David Yost AG <AGOCARES@ohioago.gov>; newstips@kmvt.com <newstips@kmvt.com>; Dull, Breanna <Breanna_Dull@cityoflorain.org>; Comer, David <DComer@CityofLorain.org>
Subject: Re: Outstanding Public Records Requests

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If this councilman continues to disregard the responsibilities and legal obligations outlined in the Ohio Revised Code, I will move forward with filing a formal complaint under ORC §§ 3.07–3.10, which provides a legal pathway for the removal of public officials for misconduct.

This process is clearly defined by Ohio law and allows for the removal of municipal officers who engage in:

- Willful and flagrant abuse of power not authorized by law
- Deliberate failure or refusal to enforce laws or perform required duties
- Gross neglect of duty or incompetence in office
- Conduct reflecting gross immorality or disregard for the public trust

If his actions—or continued inaction—rise to this level, I am fully prepared to file a written complaint in the Court of Common Pleas in accordance with the statute. I will also ensure that supporting documentation and evidence of repeated noncompliance or dereliction of duty are submitted as part of the case.

This is not a step I take lightly, but as a resident and taxpayer, I have both the right and responsibility to demand accountability from those elected to serve. If this official chooses not to comply with the law, I will pursue every lawful remedy available to ensure integrity is restored to this office.

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p), BSSW

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On Jul 27, 2025, at 12:01, Garon Petty <onelung2014@gmail.com> wrote:

Also 121.22 ORC.. Used as Lorain City Council rule three..

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-121.22>

On Sun, Jul 27, 2025 at 11:54 AM Garon Petty <onelung2014@gmail.com> wrote:
A refresher for Lorain officials..

<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-149.43>

On Sun, Jul 27, 2025 at 11:46 AM Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:
Councilman Arroyo,

Let me be absolutely clear: your continued evasive and condescending responses—this latest one included—are noted, and they reflect poorly on you as an elected official. If you think you can blow off lawful records requests with smug one-liners and passive-aggressive emails, you're mistaken.

This is no longer about you “reading the agenda.” This is about your legal obligation to comply with Ohio’s Sunshine Laws and fulfill outstanding public records requests—including the text messages I’ve asked for multiple times. If you’re only using your city-issued phone for agendas, as you keep claiming, then turning over the device’s logs and data should be easy—unless there’s something you’re hiding.

I’m now including the Clerk of Council and the City’s IT Department in this request. I want the following:

- A complete record of all searches, calls, and text messages from your city-issued phone.
- A log of all searches and files accessed on your city-issued laptop.
- Copies of all emails sent to or from you since your appointment.
- Call logs from your city-issued phone.
- And I am formally requesting that your personal phone be submitted to IT for inspection to verify that you are not using it for city business or during council meetings to avoid public disclosure.

Let’s take a look at those “agendas” you keep saying you can’t print out. Just because you didn’t take the required Sunshine Law training doesn’t mean you get to ignore the law—or act stupid about what it requires.

If I don’t receive a substantive response and action by the end of the weekend, we will be filing another case with the Ohio Court of Claims on Monday. If you insist on being a douche about this, we’ll meet you in court—again.

Your conduct is being documented. You’re not above the law. And if you had taken the sunshine law classes you would know that you have to provide ORC, are you seriously this ignorant of laws you have to follow?

Wow you’re really that ignorant? This is going to be fun in court on August 1st when I win the first suit you due older records and texts and explain how you just don’t know the law and cost the city money because you are responding to emails to constituents like a douche bag. Just like James McCann, you truly a moron, at least the other council are smart enough to ignore till I take them to court. You charge right in and respond without a thought in that head of yours, don’t you?

Make it a wonderful day go dab up some people and continue to fail your constituents,

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p), BSSW

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On Jul 27, 2025, at 09:06, Arroyo, Angel <Angel_Arroyo@cityoflorain.org> wrote:

As always it's great to read your emails Mr. Knapp but as I emailed you the last time you made this request. I use the city phone for the purpose to ready the council agenda during council meetings.

Thank you
Angel Arroyo

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From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 26, 2025 12:33:37 PM
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Subject: Angel Artoyo

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To Mr. Arroyo and the duly elected members of Lorain City Council,

I have several outstanding public records requests that remain unanswered. Is it really too much to ask that you fulfill your responsibilities—starting with completing public records and open meetings training, and refraining from using electronic devices during public meetings?

I'm still waiting on those texts. Please comply with Ohio's Sunshine Laws and start engaging with your constituents in a serious and responsive manner. We're asking for transparency and accountability—not theatrics. (It hasn't gone unnoticed that you're out there dabbing for cameras while legitimate records requests go ignored.)

Beko, Michele

From: LaVeck, Joseph <Joseph_LaVeck@cityoflorain.org>
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 3:39 PM
To: Bradley, Jack
Cc: Beko, Michele
Subject: FW: Final Demand for Relief – Whistleblower Retaliation, Civil-Rights Abuses & Tortious Interference Final One-Time Settlement Offer

FYI.

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Chief Asst. Law Director & Police Legal Advisor
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From: LaVeck, Joseph
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 3:39 PM
To: 'Aaron Knapp' <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Final Demand for Relief – Whistleblower Retaliation, Civil-Rights Abuses & Tortious Interference Final One-Time Settlement Offer

Mr. Knapp:

Your demand has been forwarded to the City's insurer and a claim has been made. Someone will be in contact with you once reviewed.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

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Chief Asst. Law Director & Police Legal Advisor
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Lorain, Ohio 44052
joseph_laveck@cityoflorain.org

From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 6, 2025 12:15 PM
To: Bradley, Jack <Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>
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Mayor Bradley and ALL Concerned Parties,

This will serve as a formal reminder of the City of Lorain’s continuing legal obligations in matters involving insurance claims, civil rights violations, and retaliation allegations.

While I acknowledge that the City may be coordinating with legal counsel or insurers, such coordination does not negate the City’s independent obligations under state and federal law. These include, but are not limited to:

- **Timely Reporting & Good-Faith Review:** As you are aware, most municipal insurance policies require prompt notification of claims and good-faith consideration of settlement offers—especially those within policy limits—to protect the insured from excess judgments. Undue delay or categorical denials may constitute bad-faith conduct.
- **Cooperation Obligations:** The City, as the insured, has an ongoing duty to cooperate with its insurance carrier and to evaluate reasonable offers, rather than summarily reject them or disregard documented evidence.
- **Constitutional & Statutory Duties:** My right to petition public officials on matters of public concern—including civil rights violations, whistleblower retaliation, and disability discrimination—is firmly protected under the First Amendment and federal whistleblower statutes. Attempting to insulate public officials from direct accountability through blanket denials or silence does not comport with constitutional norms or public service ethics.
- **Ohio-Specific Statutes:** Under Ohio law, designated officials—such as a Director of Law—may hold settlement authority within certain thresholds. However, refusal to engage or document a legitimate settlement negotiation may raise serious concerns under both public accountability laws and prohibited insurance practices outlined by the Ohio Department of Insurance.

To be clear: I am not asking for a favor. I am documenting an official request for remedy that remains viable but is time-sensitive. If the City believes this matter should be handled exclusively through counsel, I am fully prepared to proceed accordingly, but I will not accept silence, evasion, or procedural deflection as a substitute for substantive response.

Govern yourselves accordingly.

Respectfully,

Aaron C. Knapp, BSSW, LSW, CDCA

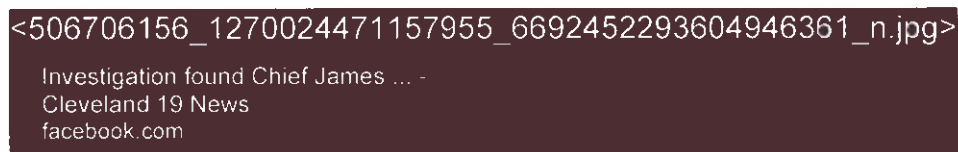
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On Jun 27, 2025, at 11:24, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:



Read the comments and decide if you still want to ignore me. This is gaining steam and the settlement is going away soon. It's not going to get any better.

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On Jun 25, 2025, at 16:07, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com> wrote:

Jack,

“Denied.”

Impressive. A one-word masterclass in public accountability. I assume that’s the level of engagement Lorain taxpayers can now expect when raising allegations of civil rights violations, whistleblower retaliation, and documented abuse of power.

If I wanted a Magic 8 Ball response, I’d have shaken one. Instead, I got the mayor of a city whose job—last I checked—is to serve, not sneer.

I’ll make sure your reply is framed accordingly when this story airs. You may want to keep your calendar open. Reporters tend to have follow-up questions—more than one word, usually.

– Aaron C. Knapp

Aaron Christopher Knapp, LSW, CDCA(p), BSSW

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On Jun 25, 2025, at 15:17, Bradley, Jack
<Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org> wrote:

Denied!

From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 3:01 PM
To: Bradley, Jack <Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>
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Subject: Re: Final Demand for Relief – Whistleblower Retaliation, Civil-Rights Abuses & Tortious Interference Final One-Time Settlement Offer

External sender <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>

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Mayor Bradley,

Let me be unambiguous.

You work for the people. You are not a passive participant in these events, nor are you free to dismiss public instructions with one-liners like “Thank you for your comments.” That may suffice in lesser matters—but not here, not when civil rights violations, whistleblower retaliation, and federal crimes under color of law are on the record and under your watch.

I am not seeking your permission. I am instructing you, as my government, under the full protection of the Constitution of the United States. This communication is not a “comment”—it is a lawful directive from a constituent to an elected official.

You may choose to ignore that instruction. If so, you will face it again—through deposition, through discovery, and ultimately through public judgment.

Your job is not to issue pleasantries. Your job is to protect the civil liberties of the residents of Lorain. That includes me.

Failure to comply with this final directive and respond substantively to the settlement offer already presented will be taken as formal declination, and all further remedies will proceed through the courts and press as outlined.

Govern accordingly.

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On Jun 25, 2025, at 14:04, Bradley, Jack
<Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org> wrote:

Thank you for your comments. Jack

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Mayor Bradley,

Let me make something clear: I don't have to "understand" your political balancing act. That's your job—not mine. My job is to hold public officials accountable when they fail to act, enable misconduct, or try to sidestep responsibility behind vague references to "community interests."

What you've called "balancing" is, in reality, evasion. And I'm not obligated to tolerate it, respect it, or fall in line with it—especially when your administration green-lit or ignored retaliatory behavior that violated my rights.

You may think deflecting to your office or suggesting private meetings is enough to minimize public exposure. It's not. This is about public harm and public

accountability. So yes, I will keep addressing you—and every official copied here—because silence and backdoor excuses are how corruption thrives.

You don't get to dictate the terms of this conversation. Not when your silence has cost me my career, my reputation, and my health.

You know what needs to be done. Either act with integrity—or keep trying to spin this while the public watches.

– Aaron C. Knapp

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On Jun 25, 2025, at 13:55, Bradley, Jack
<Jack_Bradley@cityoflorain.org>
wrote:

Thank you for your comments, but you need to realize that I have to balance the needs and interests of the entire community, not just yours. As I have told you in the past, if you have specific concerns, please feel free to schedule a separate meeting with my office. As always, your input is valuable in helping me understand the community's needs and concerns. Jack

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Mayor Bradley,

I appreciate your comment that
constructive suggestions are welcome. I
would only add this:

Your role as Mayor does not entitle you
to dictate how, when, or in what tone I
speak on matters of public concern—
especially those involving civil rights
violations, whistleblower retaliation, and
disability-based targeting carried out
under color of law.

This isn't about being "kept in the loop."
I *am* the loop—because your
administration made me part of it
through a sustained campaign of
retaliation and silence.

Your office gave tacit approval to Chief
McCann's actions against me and
others. At minimum, you permitted your
subordinates to deny the existence of
emails that I now have in hand. You
failed to initiate—or demand—a
thorough, impartial investigation. You

allowed reputational and economic damage to mount unchecked. That is not passive oversight. That is abdication.

The buck stops with you.

The First Amendment protects my right to petition the government, expose misconduct, and hold public officials accountable. That right is not suspended because you've referred the matter to counsel. Nor does it vanish when the facts become inconvenient.

I will continue to document, publish, and pursue accountability through every lawful channel available. Direct communication with elected and appointed officials remains one of those channels—and always will be.

Respectfully,
Aaron C. Knapp
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On Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 01:40:01 PM EDT, Bradley, Jack <jack_bradley@cityoflorain.org> wrote:

I have no problem being kept in the loop (and all constructive comments and suggestions are appreciated). Jack

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Correction Friday June 27 2025.

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On Jun 25, 2025, at
11:34, Aaron Knapp
<[a4xbeaverman@yaho
o.com](mailto:a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Mayor Bradley,

Thank you for
your response.

While I
acknowledge

that the City has referred this matter to legal counsel, please be advised that I am fully within my constitutional rights to continue corresponding with elected and appointed public officials regarding matters of public concern— particularly those involving allegations of civil rights violations, whistleblower retaliation, and misuse of public resources.

As a private citizen and whistleblower, my right to petition the government is explicitly protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. This

includes the right to directly contact government officials in matters affecting public integrity, policy, and public safety.

- In *Pickering v. Board of Education*, 391 U.S. 563 (1968), the U.S. Supreme Court recognized that citizens (and public employees) have

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Furthermore,
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only legal
counsel may be
contacted,
especially when
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involves documented allegations of abuse of power under color of law (42 U.S.C. § 1983) and violations of anti-retaliation provisions under both Ohio and federal whistleblower laws.

If the City chooses to coordinate its formal response through legal channels, that is its prerogative. However, it does not—and cannot—preclude me from communicating directly with those entrusted to serve the public.

Respectfully,
Aaron C. Knapp

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wrote:

This matter is being handled by our legal department. Please direct all further correspondence regarding this matter to our legal counsel. Thank you. Jack

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