

## Beko, Michele

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**From:** Carrion, Rey <Rey\_Carrion@cityoflorain.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 26, 2025 4:21 PM  
**To:** Beko, Michele  
**Subject:** Fwd: Final Demand for Relief – Whistleblower Retaliation, Civil-Rights Abuses & Tortious Interference Final One-Time Settlement Offer

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** June 26, 2025 at 9:54:16 AM EDT  
**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**

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Mayor Bradley,

Your “Denied” response was not just unprofessional—it was a dereliction of your duty as a public servant. When presented with documented allegations of civil rights violations, whistleblower retaliation, defamation, and abuse of office under color of law, your reply was a single word. That silence speaks volumes.

Let's be clear: you work for the people of Lorain. You don't get to cherry-pick which constituents deserve answers. You don't get to stonewall when misconduct surfaces. And you certainly don't get to reduce matters of constitutional significance to dismissive quips.

You've now been placed on written notice—repeatedly—that your administration enabled and engaged in retaliatory, defamatory, and discriminatory actions. You've been offered a one-time resolution that would have saved the City substantial resources. You chose evasion over engagement.

That choice has consequences.

As previously stated, failure to respond substantively constitutes formal declination. Legal proceedings will begin as outlined, and public scrutiny will follow. Your "Denied" email will be Exhibit A—an emblem of your administration's hostility toward transparency and accountability.

I encourage you to consult with your legal counsel, your insurer, and your conscience—if not for me, then for the taxpayers who will soon foot the bill for your inaction.

Govern accordingly.

You'll be hearing from the press—and the courts.

Respectfully,

Aaron Christopher Knapp, BSSW, LSW, CDCA

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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

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

Denied!

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Rights Abuses & Tortious Interference Final One-Time Settlement Offer

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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.

Aaron Christopher Knapp, BSSW, LSW, CDCA  
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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  
BSSW, LSW, CDCA  
Disabled Veteran & Public Advocate

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LSW, CDCA**  
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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@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 the right to speak on matters of

public  
concern  
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fear of  
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- In  
Garrison  
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U.S. 64  
(1964),  
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as a  
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component of  
democratic  
accountability.

- California Motor Transport Co. v. Trucking Unlimited, 404 U.S. 508 (1972), further established the right to petition government bodies and officials as

“among  
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most  
precious  
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Furthermore,  
public officials  
may not shield  
themselves from  
direct  
accountability by  
unilaterally  
declaring that  
only legal  
counsel may be  
contacted,  
especially when  
the  
communication  
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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CDCA

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, Director Carrion, Chief McCann, Administrator Weitzel, and Applewood Centers—for a total settlement of **\$450,000**. This offer expires at **5 PM**

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The enclosed LaVeck ↔ Hegerty email chain leaves no room for doubt. I await your prompt acknowledgment.

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**Addendum:**

I also strongly urge you to tender this settlement demand to your liability insurer

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to ensure prompt coverage and avoid any unnecessary coverage disputes.

Respectfully,  
**Aaron C. Knapp**  
4220 Talbot Lane  
Lorain, OH 44055  
(216) 659-9899  
[a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com](mailto:a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com)

**Enclosure:**  
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**Aaron Christopher Knapp, BSSW, LSW, CDCA NASW Member  
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