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Headline:

Barbara Redmond Calls for Accountability and Fair Treatment in Response to Noose Incident at City Hall

Subheadline:

Addressing Racial Disparities in Reporting and Treatment of Individuals in the Justice System

Allentown, PA — In light of the recent incident involving a noose found at City Hall, Barbara Redmond expresses her deep concerns regarding the handling of this situation, particularly as it pertains to Black and Brown individuals.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to address the deeply troubling incident involving the noose found at City Hall and the subsequent handling of this situation, particularly with respect to Black and Brown individuals.

The way this matter has been managed is completely unacceptable. When police officers were charged with serious crimes such as rape, prostitution, and theft, there was no press coverage emanation from City Hall, yet a Black employee from City Hall was paraded publicly by Mayor Matt Turk, Chief of Police Charles Roca, employers and staff. This stark contrast raises questions about fairness and bias in how individuals are treated based on their race at City Hall.

It is disheartening to see that when a Black or Brown person is charged with an offense, it seems like the whole race is being charged, overshadowing their individual circumstances. Conversely, when a white person is accused, the narrative focuses solely on that individual. This double standard is disrespectful and perpetuates harmful stereotypes.

Furthermore, I must emphasize that City Council President Hendrick's assertion that there is no discrimination at Allentown City Hall is a racist statement. His inability to recognize the severity of the situation questions his ability to lead. He should resign from his position as President of City Council.

The case involving Ms. Brown is separate from the ongoing investigation into discrimination and racism at City Hall. While the legal process will determine her guilt or innocence, it is crucial that we focus on the broader issue of systemic discrimination in City Hall and the numerous cases that continues to perplex.

I urge everyone to reserve judgment until the verdict is in. Our initial call for justice with the ten examples previously presented continue to require our utmost attention.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara Redmond
Improving Lives, CEO