

SPRINGFIELD CITY COUNCIL

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Dear Mayor Sarno:

As you know, the City Council held a Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, November 27th in response to concerns we heard regarding the hiring process of a new Fire Commissioner. Since then, we have been made aware of similar concerns regarding the hiring of a new Director of Dispatch. In both instances internal candidates were not promoted.

We fully understand that you are empowered to unilaterally hire department heads and we are aware that department heads serve at the will of the Mayor, with some exceptions including the City Clerk and Superintendent of Schools. However, we believe it is imperative that the process be fair, inclusive and transparent, as we are accountable to the residents and the taxpayers in the City of Springfield. Thus, the City Council respectfully requests the following:

- A list of all current City Department heads
- A list of City Department heads you have hired during your tenure as Mayor along with the date of hiring.
- A list of the final candidates for the Fire Commissioner and Dispatch Director position.

Again, our intentions are to fulfill our commitment to our constituents by addressing their concerns. This information is the first step in examining the concerns. If you would like to include additional information about your hiring process, you are more than welcome to provide it. Thank you in advance.

Respectfully,

City Council President Orlando Ramos
City Council Vice-President Justin Hurst
Ward 1 City Councilor Adam Gomez
Ward 2 City Councilor Michael Fenton
Ward 3 City Councilor Marcus Williams
Ward 5 City Councilor Melvin Edwards
Ward 7 City Councilor Timothy Allen
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