

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES NO CONFIDENCE IN THE LEADERSHIP OF LOUISVILLE MAYOR GREG FISCHER.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS KRAMER, REED, PARKER, PIAGENTINI, BENSON, ENGEL AND PEDEN

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government (“Council”) believes the number one priority of Louisville Metro Government is to ensure the safety of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that the time has come for systemic changes at the Louisville Metro Police Department (“LMPD”) and a significant reason for this needed change is the actions and inactions of Mayor Greg Fischer; and

WHEREAS, the number of annual homicides reported by LMPD continues to rise; our community saw 48 homicides in 2013 and has since witnessed 118 homicides in 2016, 108 in 2017, 81 in 2018, 92 in 2019 and are expected to exceed that dubious record number of homicides set in 2016 during the current year; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Greg Fischer has claimed transparency and accountability as a theme for his administration, yet has chosen to prevent his staff from participating in Metro Council hearings focused on understanding what led to as well as followed the death of Ms. Breonna Taylor as well as the handling of protests over the course of the past three months; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Greg Fischer failed to promptly address multiple allegations of sexual misconduct in Metro Animal Services, TARC, and the LMPD Explorer program. In the

Explorer case Mayor Fischer failed to acknowledge the problems for years after the wrongdoing was reported, putting additional people in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, it took Mayor Greg Fischer 77 days to acknowledge that his administration has refused to enforce local and state laws, to the detriment of the public safety for both protesters as well as the many citizens who live, work and once played in our downtown; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Greg Fischer has opposed the release of information related to the death of Ms. Breonna Taylor and Mr. David McAtee until forced to release the information by actions of the Metro Council through resolutions and ordinances passed in bi-partisan efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that every Louisville Metro Citizen has the right to feel safe in his/her own neighborhood. The membership of the Louisville Metro Council believe new leadership in the Mayor's Office is essential to bringing the change that is needed at LMPD and we believe that the lack of trust that has occurred between our citizens and our government has unfortunately been fostered by the false claims of transparency and accountability by an administration marred by sexual abuse scandals in multiple departments, overtime abuse as well as record high homicide and crime rates within our city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT ("COUNCIL") AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: The Council with this Resolution expresses a vote of no confidence in the leadership of Mayor Greg Fischer.

SECTION II: The Council urges Mayor Greg Fischer to resign from the office of Mayor for Louisville Metro and work with members of the Metro Council to establish a transition to ensure that the community can begin the process of healing.

SECTION III: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

Sonya Harward
Metro Council Clerk

David James
President of the Council

Greg Fischer
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

BY: _____

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