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LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

GREG FISCHER
MAYOR

July 12, 2020

President David James
Councilman Kevin Kramer
Metro Council
Louisville, KY 40202

RE: Letter of July 8

Dear President James, Councilmembers Kramer, Fox, Reed, Ackerson, Piagentini, Green and Peden:

Please accept the following as a response to your letter of July 8. First, I share your concerns about the healing of our community given the events surrounding Ms. Taylor's death. I have and continue to meet with many of the protesters, police, and community to hear their concerns, address what is possible at this time while investigations are ongoing and begin to chart a path forward together for our community.

While I take your requests in good faith, I must misunderstand your request for the release of "all documents that relate to the Breonna Taylor case" given the fact that your request would include the investigative materials currently being reviewed by the FBI, the Department of Justice and the Attorney General for potential criminal prosecution. You are aware of this fact and have been for some time.

Obviously, and for the reasons that I have stated for several weeks, your requests cannot be honored at this time. The FBI and the Attorney General's office have sent letters to Metro stating that premature release of investigative materials will compromise their investigations. (See attached). Further, since the termination of Officer Hankinson, I am further bound to refrain from commenting on any matter relating to that case as well per KRS 67C.326(1)(f). I will not, and am duty bound to not take action to harm the criminal integrity of this case.

Your communication also requests information on the work along Elliott Avenue and the Place Based Investigations ("PBI") unit, which we are happy to provide in great detail. The PBI unit is based on the PIVOT model from Cincinnati, Ohio. The Elliott Avenue work to combat vacant and abandoned properties is one small piece of the larger Russell neighborhood revitalization and stabilization work we've been doing for years, including through three (3) HUD Choice Neighborhoods grants and the Vision Russell initiative.

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As you know from all our work together under this initiative, the goal is to provide a safe, clean, desirable, and affordable neighborhood for the residents of Russell, including those on Elliott Avenue. I know that we all agree that the residents of Russell deserve such conditions and appreciate the work that we have done and will continue to do to that end.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Fischer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" and last name "Fischer" clearly distinguishable.

Greg Fischer
Mayor

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