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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]: LCCM Public Comments Section Non-Agenda Item

From: Samantha Blankenship [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 1:43 PM

To: Luzerne County Council Meeting Public Comments <LCCMPC@luzernecounty.org>

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Samantha Blankenship
Wilkes-Barre City
Luzerne County Voting Council Session
Public Comment

Dear County Council Members,

Today I am writing to you because we the people have witnessed an atrocity, a horror, right here in our own backyard and the people that are presently in a position to make justice swift have decided not to take action. They turn a blind eye to our outreached hands for help, and a deaf ear for our cries. Our own Wilkes-Barre Council members don't even think we have a problem here. How is that possible after seeing that 23-minute video of pain and pure suffering? That was cruel and unusual punishment, he needed medical attention and instead was bound and beaten. Since the video has gone viral other people who have been in the care of the LCCF are speaking up about their own horrendous treatment or saying that's just another day at 99 Water St. Well, that's unacceptable. The complete disregard for human life and decency is absolutely appalling. There was not a single ounce of integrity, honor, or professionalism shown in the 23-minute video from either the nurses or the corrections officers. We the people demand change; we change that comes with receipts. We demand the following actions be taken.

1. Motion for David Pedri to be removed as County Manager
2. An independent investigation into the murder of Shaheen Mackey
3. All of the corrections officers and nurses that were in the room with him and directly responsible, to be held accountable. They should be fired and the nurses should lose their licenses.
4. We are asking for reform, thus any officer or employee involved in incidents that result in the injury or death of a citizen or inmate be suspended until a thorough investigation is done and completed. If an officer is found to be guilty of misconduct then there must be an actionable system that holds them accountable. We can no longer afford to react to situations, we must be proactive.

So far, the people that are put in place to represent our voices and protect us as the citizens of this area have failed us. We have denied justice to this man's family, he has children who will never know him. This isn't about what side of politics you're on, it's about the lives of everyone here. Civil servants of any level should be held to a higher level of accountability than they currently are.

Thank you

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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]: Luzerne County Council Voting Session Non-Agenda Item Video Teleconference 08-11-2020 6:01 PM
Attachments: County Council Comments.docx

From: Freedom Fighters [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
Wilkes Barre, PA 18702
08-11-2020

Luzerne County Council
5 Water Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711

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Thus far there has been a miscarriage of justice that has caused an unrest within the community this council represents. We trust that you will represent our interests as this is your opportunity to reassure us, that you are true representatives of the people you vowed to serve.

Sincerely,

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From: Sue Ellen Feuerstein [REDACTED]

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]: Comment on prison investigation

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Hello,

Please endorse an independent investigation of the death of Shaheen Mackey who died at the hands of prison officials in the Luzerne County Correctional Facility two years ago. We need an investigation to unearth the policies that led to his unlawful death.

Thank you,
Sue Ellen Feuerstein
Lewisburg, PA

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Eugenia Gaskin
Luzerne Co

Thank you Council

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Jimmy Gee

Wilkes-Barre Township

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I WANT TO SEE JUST FOR SHAHEEN MACKKEY! I WANT TO SEE REFORM IN THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, REMOVAL OF POSITIONS! I WANT TO SEE LICENSES REMOVED, FROM GAURDS AND NURSES! I WANT THOSE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF SHAHEEN MACKKEY TO DO THE TIME THAT ANY OTHER MURDERER WOULD GET! I WANT JUSTICE! I WANT CHANGE! REFORM REFORM REFORM! IF CO's AREN'T BEING TRAINED PROPERLY, I WANT THEM TO BE TRAINED PROPERLY! WHEN WE BREAK THE LAW AS CITIZENS WE ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE AND PUNISHED! AS A CHILD WE ARE TAUGHT THAT! I WANT THE CITY OF WILKES-BARRE TO STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT! DO THE RIGHT THING!

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From: Jasmine [REDACTED]

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Jasmine Tabron-Giddings

Wilkes-Barre Township

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I would like to bring to your attention The death Shaheen Mackey. This was a black male who was at the Luzerne County Prison And died Tragically in the presence of a couple nurses and guards. The video that I saw was a horrific video and no person deserves That type of treatment. Regardless of if someone has done wrong or not, We should treat Everyone as a life worth living. Can you could imagine losing a loved one when they were in the presence of people who are in positions of power And their first responsibility is to protect people?

I pray for this family who is going through this... and they are the ones who are left with the memory of a video that shows negligence. While the public is left to know that protection and duty are just words that sound nice rather than words that we live by.

CPR in a chair? Isn't that something that is taught not to do? Police not able to speak up when they see something wrong and just decide to follow orders? Nurses who have been trained but just following orders? Tasing an individual who is restrained already? The time that it takes where you think someone took a drug and instead of calling for help you stand around harassing him asking him what he took?? But even if that was the case... a doctor would be better confirming these things and could take immediate action to SAVE A LIFE. Do black lives really matter? All of these questions run through my mind... and I think they should be ones that we look at.

Respectfully I ask for you to really look at this video. If we let this go, Luzerne County as well as all of America will continue to divide in seeing that there is faster response and social justice for one group rather than other groups. I ask for reform and justice specifically in making sure that those responsible are held accountable for their actions. And reform of policies that make it impossible to see this happen again.

Thank you for reading,
Jasmine Tabron Giddings

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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]: Public Comment - 8/11
Attachments: County Council Comment.docx

From: Beth Gilbert [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 12:01 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]: Public Comment - 8/11

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Please see attached for public comment at the 8/11 County Council meeting, to be read during the general public comment portion of the meeting.

Best,
Beth

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Beth Gilbert McBride

[REDACTED]

ATTN: County Council, Mr. David Pedri, and any and all applicable parties,

I am writing to you tonight as a taxpayer, a mother, and as an elected official to please consider speaking up and requesting that an independent outside agency investigate the death of Shaheen Mackey and to put any Correctional Officers involved with Mr. Mackey's death on administrative leave until an investigation is completed.

I hope that all of you have taken the time to watch the horrific video of Mr. Mackey's death. While we have read about his death, it is certainly different to watch the treatment of this man on video. It is uncomfortable, but necessary for all of us to watch it. No one deserves to suffer as Mr. Mackey clearly did. I am not a medical professional. I am not a correctional officer. But I do try my best to differ between what is right and what is wrong. Morally, I do not see anything right in the video of Mr. Mackey's death.

As elected officials, all of us have a moral responsibility to do what is right. I know some members of County Council personally. I know that you have a heart. And I know that you feel deep in your gut that what that video showed is a modern day lynching of a Black man. You know that situation could have been deescalated and should have been handled differently.

I beg you to not use the Black and Brown communities in our county for votes when it is politically convenient for you to do so around Election time, but not stand up for these communities when the present calls for us to do so. Do not say Black Lives Matter, but then do nothing to help Black lives in our community. History has its eyes on you and since County Council is not demographically representative of our County, people are counting on you to call out injustices when you see it.

None of us will ever know the anguish that a mother to Black or Brown children goes through on a daily basis. We will never know the feeling of worry deep in our gut when our child is pulled over by a police officer. We will never know what it feels like to try to explain to our child how to show their hands to the police so they don't get shot. That is an enormous privilege. And it is up to all of us to do whatever we can to ensure that this doesn't happen in our community. If we can help ensure that at least one life in this city is safe and one more mother doesn't have to cry out in anguish and feel the need to burn down our cities, then why are we not doing that? Please, do your job and demand an outside investigation and the aforementioned request. Your community is depending on you.

Respectfully,
Beth Gilbert McBride
Wilkes-Barre City Councilmember

Lawrence, Sharon

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]: LCCM public comments section 2nd NON-agenda item from 3rd Beth Hartman

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 11:55 AM

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Elizabeth Hartman

Hanover Township

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Thank you Council

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 10:58 AM

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Elizabeth Hartman
Hanover Township

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL WORK SESSION Video/Teleconference via TEAMS August 11,2020
8.Discussion regarding ordinance Amending the 2020 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County (DA).

Thank you Council

BEFORE we can speak of increasing budgets? We Demand an external investigation into the handling of the Murder of Shaheen Mackey.

First let me say sorry to all my correctional officer friends and family. If this offends you then so be it.

The DA is way over her head and has no idea what is going on in various county run buildings and agencies!!! She is Awesome in on the street stuff, drug dealers and such BUT she let her eyes get off the closer ball and things are a mess.

DA Salavantis We thought corruption was over with Kids for cash scandal. It is running amuck in the court house, area county agencies as well as non-profits working with county agencies. LETS start some investigations before JOSH SHAPIRO HITS TOWN, because rumor has it he is coming for multiple things!!!

The ones that stand by and don't fight for what is right, the ones that turn a blind eye to back door deals and nepotism and corruption are just as guilty as the ones doing it! We voted home rule to stop this and it seems like now we have more people sitting back and not protecting the constituents. You are just as guilty as the ones doing the Terrible things !!

What is happening?!? White Black Brown Yellow NO ONE should suffer like this Shaheen Mackey.. AND Thank you to the BRAVE person who leaked the VIDEO !!!

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AS well as external investigation to the DA's actions and handling of the situation and Guards charged !!!

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]: LCCM public comments on NON agenda items

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Good afternoon,

My name is James Jaskolka and I'm writing from Kingston, PA.

Like all of us who watched the horrible video, I was disgusted by Shaheen Mackey's death, a cruel and horrific display of violence akin to torture.

I found myself just as disgusted and upset at the mishandling of justice in this case.

Mackey's family received a settlement; if they were found deserving of a settlement, why has DA Salavantis insisted there was no wrongdoing done, despite graphic evidence to the contrary? Why have none of the people responsible been fired or charged?

These are the demands of the Family, per their attorney:

- Remove Mr Pedri from his post as council manager.
- Launch an INDEPENDENT outside investigation.
- Fire those involved in the inciting incident, as well as the investigation.
- implement policies that suspend any personnel involved with a death at the correctional facility.

All eyes are on you folks to do the right thing.

We have an opportunity to be on the right side of history and provide restorative justice to the community and to the Mackey family.

Make justice an urgent priority.

Thank you for your time,

James Jaskolka

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From: Lilbutch P [REDACTED]

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]: Shaheen Mackey

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All correctional officers, nurses & the corner involved in the inhumane death of Shaheen Mackey must be fired immediately!!

The citizens of Luzerne County stand with the family of Shaheen Mackey.

An independent investigation from an outside agency needs to be initiated immediately!!

There must be consequences for all of those involved in Shaheen Mackey's death! Corruption through settling lawsuits will no longer be tolerated by the Luzerne County Citizens.

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Mark Shaffer
Wilkes-Barre City

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I attended the protest and vigil this weekend for Shaheen Mackey who was killed by LCCF prison guards. I was very disappointed to not see a member of council there or any of you showing support. I watched the video and was disgusted. How has no one been fired let alone prosecuted? Anyone who's ever been to a CPR training once in their life could've done a better job trying to resuscitate Shaheen. Giving CPR to someone while their still in a chair like that doesn't work. Before he had even passed out the guards were completely disorganized in trying to restrain him. Have they ever been trained on how to do a hold? My 5'2 girlfriend has to restrain patients who are violent and on drugs all the time at the hospital and manages to do it without killing them. This many prison guards couldn't? This is disgusting.

The DA may have refused to press the charges that are deserved. Just because Salavantis refuses to do her job doesn't mean council can't still act and ensure that the county does its own investigation and drastically changes guard operation procedures and training to ensure this never happens again. These men should be fired if not in jail. And if County Council doesn't act it will only happen again. The next person who dies in jail will be on all of you.

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Heather Shaughnessy

Edwardsville

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