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Mr. Tearman Spencer, City Attorney City Hall, Rm 800

Dear Mr. Spencer,

The departure of Assistant City Attorney Tyrone St. Junior has reminded us of the concerns we have about the future of your office and its ability to provide vital services to the Common Council and the City.

Those of us familiar with the licensing process or the Ambulance Service Board know well of Mr. St. Junior's intelligence, passion for the job, and broad knowledge of the law. He will be much missed and will be difficult to replace. Unfortunately, he joins a long list of other attorneys who have left your office in recent months and, if rumors be true, he will not be the last before the year's end. Some of these lawyers, to be sure, were near to retirement or chose to take other opportunities. Whatever the cause, however, they took with them their subject matter knowledge and years of experience in and out of the courtroom representing a client – the City – with unique needs.

This Fall promises to be filled with challenges that will need guidance from a strong City Attorney's office. The Mayor's proposed budget, redistricting, and the continuing allocation of federal resources like those from the A.R.P.A., all will be before us in a matter of days. The laws governing each of these are complex and seem ever-changing. We need to know that your office is ready.



By this letter, then, we would ask that you communicate to the Common Council, in writing, your plans for ensuring that the challenges outlined above are met. A response before Labor Day would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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