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   2. Youth Sports Now Please – Jason Sellers
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   4. Resolution No. A-92199 – Ann Post
   5. Fund our Police – Barb Schepers
   6. Dear City Council – Patrick and Michele Greenwood

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    See attached items

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    See attached items
FY 2020-21 Projected vs Actual Net Sales Tax

- September 2020-21 Projected: $6,000,000
- September 2020-21 Actual: $6,000,000
- October 2020-21 Projected: $6,500,000
- October 2020-21 Actual: $6,500,000
- November 2020-21 Projected: $7,000,000
- November 2020-21 Actual: $7,000,000
## Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections

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Actual collections for the fiscal year to date are 14.78% over projections for the year.
## CITY OF LINCOLN

### GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS (WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)

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From: Ben Hastreiter <ben.hastreiter1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 9:18 PM
To: Jamie Phillips; Pat D. Lopez; Chris M. Schroeder; Gary R. Bergstrom; Scott E. Holmes; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Council Packet; Mayor
Subject: LLCHD DHM- Today marks 4 days our Lancaster County seniors will never get back

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please read the following letter I received. This is how I feel and the questions that I have about the latest DHM. Please encourage the director and mayor to reverse their DHM on youth sports immediately. There is no data that shows on court or on field play is the issue. Let them play.

Thank you.

Ben Hastreiter

Why Lancaster County?
I have attempted to wrap my head around the latest Lancaster County DHM alienating all extracurricular activities at the high school level this week. With the state mandate in place for all youth sports to be placed on hold when hospital capacity is at 25% I feel isolating the High School youth of Lancaster County is nothing more than a political power struggle and our youth are stuck in the middle. From basketball to FFA everything is shut down, in LANCASTER COUNTY. The impact this is having on our youth's mental health is on the verge of debilitating. These kids have followed all mandates, respected the stay at home orders and have made conscious efforts everyday to stay within their circle and make choices that will keep them in their activity. This means something to them, they are being accountable to each other and themselves. These activities are a part of their lives, it is something they have given years to, created a family around and ultimately a sense of self. As a psychotherapist I work with adolescents every day to identify what is within their control to make change and what we have to accept. All of the mandates to this point they have accepted. They have changed their routine and created a new normal. They have worn masks, they have quarantined, they have accepted the loss of traditions and prior privileges that are not considered safe for the health of others. They chose to not go out, question who they are around to protect the health of the team. The fall seasons had numbers that were non-existent to minimal within activities, because they knew what was at stake, they were within a controlled setting in school and working within the guidelines. They were allowed to have ownership of their choices. Alienating them, ONLY Lancaster county, is punishing them for things that are NOT theirs to own. Creating a community of isolation rather than bonding, hopelessness of the unknown rather than allowing them to make the right choice. Living with guidelines is our new normal, understanding the risks, but at this point the greater risk is that of these students' mental and physical health from being sidelined with no viable data provided while all other students 19 miles away are in full swing into their activities. I believe in our schools to set great standards, I believe in our students to make the right choices, I am losing belief in the adults who are unable to set their own agenda aside. Please know that I understand the severity of Covid, the struggle to understand who it impacts and the life toll it has taken. This is not to question or dismiss the impact and devastation it has had and ultimately will. My struggle is how stopping high school activities in Lancaster County is relevant when athletes or groups are just heading to gyms and coffee shops that are open. They are being shut out of a safe and monitored area to utilize resources that are not shut down. If it is a concern of competition then delay that and let them continue to meet in their buildings. If it is a State emergency then identifying the virus is widespread and shutting down all activities in schools statewide, region wide, conference wide.
ONLY Lancaster county students is not stopping the spread from the rest of the state, the bars, the gyms, tailgates, etc. I am trying to get an understanding of what evidence based method of reduction is being utilized to isolate them. Please ask questions, look at the plans in place, assess what risk this mandate is curbing and help us to understand the evidence based data that backs it. Sincerely, Ami Heffelfinger Marx
Angela M. Birkett

From: Jason Sellers <jasonsellers2020@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 6:40 AM
To: Jason Sellers
Subject: Youth Sports Now Please

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I echo the sentiments of many, many, many other Lincoln and Lancaster families regarding youth sports and the baseless decision to single out our youth and our families. WHERE IS YOUR DATA that makes youth sports any more or less risky than leaving our homes and living our lives in so many other facets? COVID is real but the city and county have gone way outside the lines to put in place control measures that don’t make a damn bit of difference in stopping or containing the spread of COVID. YOU MAKE ZERO DIFFERENCE IN THIS FIGHT. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE YOU ARE MAKING IS THE BASELESS RESTRICTIONS ON OUR YOUTH IN THE YEARS THEY WILL NEVER GET BACK. The least susceptible of our population is youth and young healthy adults. WE ARE SMART AND STRONG ENOUGH TO MAKE OUR OWN DECISIONS AND PROTECT OURSELVES ACCORDINGLY. WE DON’T NEED OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES TO DO IT FOR US.

Jason Sellers
CONCERNED LINCOLN CITIZEN AND FATHER OF TWO
I don’t know who needs to hear this to get this changed but having a new pin number on every water bill is inhibiting online payments. The pin has no effect on security. The worst-case scenario is somebody pays another person’s bill. What it is doing is making it so that if a bill is lost you cannot even look up how much you owe. Can we do anything to get rid of a system that makes our city look like we have no idea what we are doing?
Delivered via email to councilpacket@lincoln.ne.gov

City Council
555 S 10th Street, Rm 111
Lincoln NE 68508

RE: Resolution No. A-92199

To the Lincoln City Council:

Our firm represents Vic and Kathleen Hannan, owners of the property at issue in Resolution No. A-92199 to be amended by agenda item 5.d on the Council agenda for Monday, November 23, 2020. We have worked with the City Attorney’s office, Lincoln Transportation and Utilities, and the Planning Department and have no objection to this amendment.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Ann K. Post
For the Firm
APost@baylorevnen.com

CC: Abigail Littrell, Vic Hannan

APO/apo

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I am disappointed that the issue of defunding the police is before the city council again. Perhaps let us look at this through another lens. Any killing involved and offense against the dignity of human life is wrong. It seems that almost everybody is angry these days with good reason. Bad cops have killed helpless citizens but the rioters and looters have disrupted legal protests, good cops have been murdered by criminals, small businesses have gone broke or burned by rioters. Please look at the bigger picture. Do not let the political activists hijack and work on raw emotion stirred up by inflamed political agenda. The police are a small part of the problem, Everybody will agree that America must continue to move forward until, one day, we are all treated equally under the law. Reason matters. It will save lives, serve justice and seek social peace. That is why I sent my children to school to learn the art of reason not hate. Reason is what makes us human. Untempered by reason, anger becomes hate (much like BLM). Hate will never serve the good of justice.

Thank you
Barb Schepers
Dear Lincoln City Council,

I am rather new to Lincoln and frankly, I am extremely disappointed. A year ago, this was a vibrant city. Today it is vacant. As an outsider, I hear that you are constantly lifting the rules, laws to allow the mayor to be a dictator. This is not good. This is supposed to be the United States of America not Soviet Russia. It sickens me to see that we chose to live in a vibrant city but the city is becoming a ghost town. Business are closing Today I saw several homeless veterans, and other homeless people. At the beginning of this catastrophe, I was on your side, but now that I have seen what all this lock down has done to a community; I see you for what you have become. I drove by the center for people in need today, I noticed the line went three layers deep around the parking lot. I also noticed that they turned people away. I see the Salvation Army campaign which traditionally starts on Black Friday with kettles up since the day after Halloween. When I asked why they said the need is really great this year. How sad it is that a city that used to be the first to give is now in such need that they are unable to give. When Grand Island was devastated a few years ago by floods (ineligible for FEMA grant money) Lincoln was right there providing help. Today we need help and it is sad because we chose Lincoln because of the diverse shops and dining facilities and you guys are so busy keeping every one safe from a virus with a 94% survival rate (that is the percentage for the most vulnerable) that you are destroying what used to be a city worth visiting. Now it is hardly a good place to live. If you change the police situation it will only make this town more dangerous. The news said that crime is on the rise. How far do we have to fall before you say enough? How many more citizens like me will decided Lincoln really wasn’t a good choice. Perhaps we should have stayed in Grand Island.

Respectfully,

Patrick and Michelle Greenwood
I see no need to increase the size of the board. I'm concerned that doing so will bog things down and distract the focus.

Please vote against it.

Thank you for your hours and HOURS of service. Especially this year!!!

Sincerely,
Lydia Arnold
I OPPOSE any changes to the Police Advisory Board! I moved to Lincoln 3 years ago for the quality of life, especially safety for my family. I have been edified by the fine police force in this city and I expect the City Council to support them 100%.

Thank you
Kateri Lawson
Lincoln, NE 58512
I recently heard about the proposed changes to the Citizen Police Advisory Board. Please don't do this. My family and I moved to Lincoln because it seemed like the kind of common sense community that would never buy into the kind of insanity that we saw eroding other cities around the country. We have amazing police officers here and they do an excellent job of keeping us all safe. The unintended consequences of what's on the table would be impossible to walk back.

Thank you!
Mike Moore
611 S 56th St.
Lincoln, NE
I am writing to let you know that I OPPOSE any changes to the structure or rules of the Citizen Police Advisory Board (CPAB). The system we have in place is perfectly capable of handing any issues that come up in regards to police complaints, and the new rules are solely designed to politicize the system, opening it to unsubstantiated complaints (via the email submission of complaints) and allowing for the stacking of the commission with members who are anti-police.

I fully support our Police Department, they do a great job.

Kristine Mulholland
1000 S 36th St
Lincoln
I wanted to be sure you on the city council that are supposed to represent us need to know that it should NOT be allowed to add more seats to the Citizen Police Advisory Board. What is in place and has been for 45 years is excellent and should not be allowed to be stacked for our major and her crap agenda.

DO NOT allow this!!!!! Please represent us the citizens of this city and deny the request from the major to add more seats.

Sincerely,
Michaela Judd
3D Wellness & Nutrition
402-499-0561
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Please note my disapproval of expanding the Citizen Police Advisory Board to 9 members. I oppose this move & feel the board is functioning well as it is. If more members are added it may lead to more division. The current members are diverse enough and Chief Bliemeister supports the current board as is. Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Judy Vieselmeyer
Citizen of the City of Lincoln, NE
I learned that there is an intention to make changes to the CPAB which I feel are unnecessary. This board has worked extremely well with the police department for decades at its current "staff" level. The number of complaints which are reviewed each year is not rising, is not showing a trend to rise, and has in fact remained steady. Adding 2 more members would be overkill for the small amount of complaints each year. The board is not overburdened and adding more people is not necessary.

The people already serving on the board have rotating terms and 3 of those have recently expired. If the mayor truly had doubts about how the board functions then she had the perfect opportunity to make massive changes. Instead, she asks that on top of those 3 who she plans on putting right back into position, she is able to add 2 more. To do that she depends upon your votes to do so. If her claim that diversity was needed is valid, then why not use the power she has at hand to make the change? Instead, she reinstalls the exact same people into those positions because she is absolutely taking your votes as council members for granted. She is not considering that you might vote with the best intentions of your constituents in mind. On top of that she dangles the promise of one of the new appointments MIGHT be a lawyer. The board has a requirement that a lawyer be part. If we are required to have one lawyer, how is it increasing diversity to add one more?

As for the addition of online complaint submission, that is also unnecessary and could be very costly. From a technology standpoint, that data needs to have a secure submission process and I have zero faith that the city can provide that brand new system and data support for less than a small fortune. Has no one thought that process out? There is already an option in place to submit complaints without leaving your home! Another thing to consider is the uptick in online social media campaigns. Having an online system will absolutely open up an avenue for unbased complaints. Those who throw rocks through windows and then complain that an officer had the nerve to arrest them would love such an opportunity.

As a citizen of Lincoln for over 10 years, I have slowly watched the leadership here move away from common sense governing and continuously vote against the best interests of the community based on feelings instead of facts. Voting to expand the board and change complaint submission process is going to be costly and detrimental.

C. Zimmerman
District 3
The action by the Lincoln Mayor to add two additional new members to the Citizen Police Advisory Board is a move to control the Board, as three members are up for reappointment. The two additional and the three reappointments is a total of five out of nine appointed by the mayor, which gives her control over the Board that reviews and advises the actions of the Lincoln Police Department. It is not in the best interests of the citizens of Lincoln for the Mayor to singlehandedly have this level of authority and influence on the police department. The City Council should have the authority to appoint the advisory council members, not the mayor. The current arrangement gives the mayor too much influence on the police department, thwarting the department's efforts to effectively provide service to protect the citizens, property, businesses, and government within the city.

Keith Lauber
City Council,

Don’t add members to the Citizen Police Advisory Board. Lincoln has one of the most adequate police forces in the USA, contributing to a very safe city.

BLM’s founders are self-proclaimed Marxs who advocate for the destruction of the family unit and defunding police. We don’t need people who hate police on any Advisory Board.

Thanks,

Brian Meyer
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As a citizen of Lincoln I do not agree with the mayor. Leave the advisory board alone.
No!

Vicki Lamb

Sent from my iPad
Dear City Council,

I am writing to let you know that I OPPOSE any changes to the structure or rules of the Citizen Police Advisory Board (CPAB). The system we have in place is perfectly capable of handling any issues that come up in regards to police complaints, and the new rules are solely designed to politicize the system, opening it to unsubstantiated complaints (via the email submission of complaints) and allowing for the stacking of the commission with members who are anti-police in political position.

Sincerely, Fran Casey
I’m opposed to adding any more seats to the Citizen Police Advisory Board.

Janice Burkey
2200 Stone Creek Loop N, Lincoln, NE 68512
Dear City Council,

I am writing to let you know that I OPPOSE any changes to the structure or rules of the Citizen Police Advisory Board (CPAB). The system we have in place is perfectly capable of handling any issues that come up in regards to police complaints, and the new rules are solely designed to politicize the system, opening it to unsubstantiated complaints (via the email submission of complaints) and allowing for the stacking of the commission with members who are anti-police in political position.

Sincerely, Anthony Lawson
Dear City Council,

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Sincerely
Maria LaPlante
Dear City Council,

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Sincerely
Gianna Laplante
Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to let you know that I OPPOSE any changes to the structure or rules of the Citizen Police Advisory Board (CPAB). The system we have in place is perfectly capable of handling any issues that come up in regards to police complaints, and the new rules are solely designed to politicize the system, opening it to unsubstantiated complaints (via the email submission of complaints) and allowing for the stacking of the commission with members who are anti-police in political position.

Sincerely, Dominic J Lawson
2511 Jane Lane, Lincoln, NE 68512

Sent with ProtonMail Secure Email.
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Sincerely,
Dear Council,
I oppose any changes to CPAB.
Thank You.
Mary Miranda.
Dear City Council,

I’m writing to let you know that I OPPOSE ANY CHANGES to the structure or rules of the Citizen Police Advisory Board (CPAB).

The system we have in place is perfectly capable of handling any issues that come up in regards to police complaints, and the new rules are solely designed to politicize the system, opening it to unsubstantiated complaints (via the email submission of complaints) and allowing for the stacking of the commission with members who are anti-police in the political position.

Sincerely,
Jaime Collen
1401 SW 36th Street
Lincoln, NE 68522
Dear City Council,

I am writing to let you know that I OPPOSE any changes to the structure or rules of the Citizen Police Advisory Board (CPAB). The system we have in place is perfectly capable of handling any issues that come up in regards to police complaints, and the new rules are solely designed to politicize the system, opening it to unsubstantiated complaints (via the email submission of complaints) and allowing for the stacking of the commission with members who are anti-police in political position.

Thank you,
Margaret Wall
9626 Hollow Tree Drive
Sent from my iPhone
I'm writing in opposition to the possible changing of the size of the citizens police Advisory Board. I truly think the Advisory Board is doing very well as is and does not need any new members and specially some packed by the mayor.

Lee Vieselmeyer
5901 Berkeley Dr.
Lincoln, Ne.
To whom it may concern,

Please know that I oppose any changes to see CPAP.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anthony Miranda

Sint lumbi vestri praecincti, et lucernae ardentes in manibus vestris Let your loins be girt, and lamps burning in your hands Saint Luke 12:35
Angela M. Birkett

From: Loren Fellows <loren.fellows@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 9:39 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police Advisory board increase from 7 to 9?

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I want to express my opposition to increasing the PAB. Chief Bliemeister supports the current board and its function. The board is already diverse and functioning well. We do not need the board becoming more radical. There is no reason to change and potentially impact and distract police resources from their core functions.

Thank you

Loren Fellows
6700 S 34
Lincoln, NE 68516
I oppose increasing the number of Citizen Police Advisory Board Members from 7 to 9 members!
Eugene Bohlmeyer
6117 Andrew Court
Lincoln, NE 68512
Dear City Council,

I am writing to let you know that I OPPOSE any changes to the structure or rules of the Citizen Police Advisory Board (CPAB). The system we have in place is perfectly capable of handling any issues that come up in regards to police complaints, and the new rules are solely designed to politicize the system. The addition of new board members is a classic tactic in influencing the outcomes of decisions by bypassing the normal due process. This is not only an act of manipulation of the part of the mayor but shows her disregard for due process.

Sincerely,

Robert Putt
8309 N 58th Cir. B
Lincoln, NE 68517

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Robert Putt
"We weren't made for comfort, we were made for greatness." Pope Benedict XVI

(906) 281-1243 / robertputt@gmail.com / LinkedIn
I oppose expansion of the Lincoln Police Advisory Board. The board functions well per the Chief of Police statement during the council meeting.

Seven positions on the board can adequately represent the City of Lincoln.

Adding additional positions does not improve the effectiveness of a board.

The mayor and you council members need to stand up to pressure to make changes for the purpose of optics and need to start listening to the people who put you in office.

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Fanchon Blythe
2020 National Delegate
LCGOP Engagement Committee
402-304-6092
Fanchonblythe@gmail.com
Dear City Council,

I am writing to let you know that I OPPOSE any changes to the structure or rules of the Citizen Police Advisory Board (CPAB). The system we have in place is perfectly capable of handling any issues that come up in regards to police complaints, and the new rules are solely designed to politicize the system, opening it to unsubstantiated complaints (via the email submission of complaints) and allowing for the stacking of the commission with members who are anti-police in political position.

Sincerely,

John Boever, OD  
Boever Family Eyecare  
5801 Hidcote Dr. Ste. 200  
Lincoln, NE 68516

Phone: (402) 307-5090  
Fax: (402) 518-3150

BoeverFamilyEyecare.com
Dear City Council,

I am a resident of Lincoln, writing to let you know that I OPPOSE any changes to the structure or rules of the Citizen Police Advisory Board (CPAB). The system in place has been effective at handling issues that come up in regards to police complaints, while the new rules seem designed to politicize the system, opening it to unsubstiantiated complaints (via email submission) and allowing for the stacking of the commission with members who seem to be anti-police in political position.

Sincerely,
Peter Kwasniewski, Ph.D.
1611 Smith Street
Lincoln NE 68502
I'm writing to request the Lincoln City Council reject Mayor Baird's request to change the law and add two additional seats to the Citizen Police Advisory Board and expand the board to nine seats.

This is an obvious ploy by the Mayor to pack the Citizen Police Advisory Board. The Mayor has opportunity to fill three of seven seats, which is designed to align with the mayor term.

There is no logical justification for Mayor Baird to change the law to add two new seats other than achieving a majority now.

This is obviously wrong, and even criminal.

Reject Mayor Baird's request to change the law and add two additional seats to the Citizen Police Advisory Board.

Thank you,
Steve Bussey
Lincoln, NE resident
I am writing to express my concerns over the Mayor's intention to expand the advisory board. The board according to the Chief of Police functions well. Adding members to a team does not improve effectiveness. No changes to the board are needed.
The Advisory Board has been working fine and needs no changes! People want a safe city to live in and this would undermine the departments ability to keep us safe! Citizens do not care what outside groups want and doesn't reflect the feelings of the majority of citizens of city. We already have seen a rise in crime this is only going to make it worst!

Tax payer and 10 year resident!
Simara Diehlman
Dear Council,

Our Mayor is showing disregard for our men and women in blue by trying to expand the Citizen Police Advisory Board. She is doing this to appease the BLM and anti-police protestors. The current board and its function is already diverse and functioning well. We do not need the board becoming more radical. There is no sound reason to expand this group and distract police resources from their core functions.

As a taxpayer and law abiding citizen, I urge you to stop this nonsense and keep our radical mayor in check by NOT expanding the Advisory Board.

Yours in freedom,
Andrew F. Van Deun
2333 NW 45th Street
Lincoln, NE 68524
Dear City Council,

I am writing to let you know that I OPPOSE any changes to the structure or rules of the Citizen Police Advisory Board (CPAB). The system we have in place is perfectly capable of handing any issues that come up in regards to police complaints, and the new rules are solely designed to politicize the system, opening it to unsubstantiated complaints (via the email submission of complaints) and allowing for the stacking of the commission with members who are anti-police in political position. I see no reason to change a system that is working well and fulfilling it's function. The mayor must have ulterior motives for adding more members because it is not due to a lack of function.

Daniel St. Hilaire  
5130 Meredeth St,  
Lincoln, NE 68506
To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the Mayor's plan to alter the composition and processes of the Citizen Police Advisory Board.

Semper Idem,
Andrew H. Watson
The Advisory Board has been working fine and needs no changes! People want a safe city to live in and this would undermine the departments ability to keep us safe! Citizens do not care what outside groups(Domestic Terror Groups) want and doesn't reflect the feelings of the majority of citizens of city. We already have seen a rise in crime this is only going to make it worst!

Tax payer and 10 year resident!
Tim Diehlman
We do not need to expand the Citizens Police Advisory board!
The majority of Lincoln citizens feel this way.
The mayor represents US and we don’t want it!
Sincerely,
Georgie Galois

Sent from my iPhone
Our Lincoln Mayor is again showing her disregard for our men and women in Blue. This past Monday the mayor's office went before the city council and

The request by our Mayor to expand the Citizen Police Advisory Board from seven (7) to nine (9) members and to change its format is a ridiculous and irresponsible request. It is solely to punish Lincoln Police Department.
I request the City Council Members vote NO.
Greg Osborn

Greg Osborn
1144 Manchester Dr
Lincoln, NE  68528

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
Philippians 4-13
Please do not expand Citizen Police Advisory Board. Thanks

Charles Burk
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Please do not change the Citizen Police Advisory Board from 7 to 9 members it is not necessary. This would only show the voters that you want to control and defund the police. This is not what we would like as voters! Please do not change the board!
Sincerely, Mary Beth Mines
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I do not want to change the citizen police advisory board by adding two new members leave it as it is.

Sent from my iPhone
I would like to voice my opinion that the Citizen Police Advisory Board seems to be working well with seven members. Please leave it at that rather than increasing it to nine members. Thank you.

Sent from my iPad
Dear Lincoln City Council,

I believe along with our Chief Bliemeister that our need for more people to serve on the Citizen Police Advisory Board is not necessary and that the board should not be expanded from seven to nine.

I am concerned that our Lincoln Mayor is more anti-police in her actions and not considering everyone in our city who needs the service of our police.

Please consider this email at your meeting.

Sincerely,
Judy Gunn
Dear Council and Mayor,

I hope this message finds you all safe and doing well.

I would like this message to be recorded as my profound opposition to the Mayor’s desire to appoint more individuals to the Citizens Police Advisory Board than what is allotted by the open seats.

Yet again, Mayor Baird’s starvation for power and abusive lordship over the City Council desires to change the very fabric of our city and once again undermine the police who protect and serve us. The City Council - whose job is to be the voice of the people and a check to the executive branch of government - once again looks to grant Mayor Baird’s request.

Mayor Baird’s job is very clear. It’s to appoint people to vacant seats. She already has the opportunity to change 3 of the 7 board members up for appointment, (almost half of the board) but that’s not enough for her. What could the purpose of this massive change be if not to attempt to fundamentally change the structure of the group? To politicize this group will destroy the integrity of the Citizen Police Advisory Board. Anytime you politicize something, the public tends to lose faith in it. If the public loses trust in something, it is very difficult to regain that trust.

And yet that is exactly the course that the Mayor is urging the City Council to take. This is the very same mistake the Mayor asked of them for Pat Lopez. She politicized the health department. She demanded that Pat Lopez’s appointment be done in 1 day, without good reason and without proper notice to the public. The City Council followed her demands and found themselves the recipients of recall efforts alongside Mayor Baird. Please do not repeat this violation again.

The Citizens Police Advisory Board is too important to be politicized. The City Council cannot make this mistake again!

The city of Lincoln, in a normal situation already gives the mayor a significant amount of power. So far those who have held it have done a reasonable job in wielding it. But Mayor Baird desires an ever-increasing amount as is evidenced by her frequent requests for the City Council to suspend rules or in this case, change a law that is already working well.

I implore you, council, to stand-up to this draconian, power-drunk Mayor and represent the people that voted for you. The Mayor has shown time and time again her contempt for this city, it’s people, and only seeks that which will boost her own power.
With a watchful eye on your actions.

Nick Pischel

"The Salvation of the State is Watchfulness of the Citizen".
-Hartley Burr Alexander

Nick Pischel 3851 Mohawk Street Lincoln, NE. 68510
It is my understanding that the Mayor is requesting the Citizen Police Advisory Board be expanded from seven (7) to nine (9). Please vote AGAINST that increase and leave it at 7.

Thank you.

Patty Bailey
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STOP!!!! Let the police do their job the way they know best. Do not meddle in an organization you have no firsthand knowledge about. Cops know their job best. Efficiency Experts ALWAYS MAKE A MESS OF THINGS!!!!!

Sent from my iPhone
I do not believe you need to add more people to the citizen police advisory board. You get to many people and nothing can get done. It is good the way it is.

Pam Fleming
I would like to voice my opposition to adding more members to the citizens advisory board and feel the current board is performing well and serving the people.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, Mary and Scott Hamilton

Sent from my iPhone
I believe the council numbers are sufficient as they are.

Pat Meierhenry
1000 Teton Court
Do NOT expand this board from 7 to 9 members. The board is already diverse and functioning well. There is no reason to change & potentially impact and distract police resources from their core functions. Our Police need our support to maintain peace in our city.

Jan Rice
Let us leave the number as they are now!!!
B.Poppe
This board should NOT be expanded to 9 seats.
It is a slap in the face of our representative republic.
One mayor should not be allowed to appoint a majority vote by simply expanding the number of people allowed on said board.
November 22, 2020

Connie Dawson

7400 Ringneck Drive

Lincoln, NE. 68506

Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird,

This email is to let you know that I do not support the addition of two board members to the City Police Advisory Board. I would like for this email to be added to the public records.

Sincerely,

Connie Dawson, PhD

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Connie Dawson, PhD
Lead Pastor, Radiant Church
740 North 70th Street
Lincoln, NE 68505
www.radiantlincoln.com
www.conniedawson.com
402-489-5400
Professor of Church and Revival History
Global Awakening Theological Seminary
Family of Faith University
Hello,
I would like to state my opposition to the Mayor’s proposal to add two more members to the Police Advisory Board. Chief Bleimeister thinks the board is functioning well and does not see a need to change it. I agree with him. Thank you,
Julie Craw
Lincoln resident
Sent from my iPhone
Please retain the 7 member Police Advisory board and do not increase the number of board members. If anything, reduce the membership to 5.
Please retain the seven member Police Advisory board. If anything a five member board would be adequate.
Gary Meyer <gandj55@hotmail.com>

Sunday, November 22, 2020 3:54 PM

Council Packet

Citizen Police Advisory Board

Follow up
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[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please leave the current Citizen Police Advisory Board as is, it doesn’t need to be changed. Thank you.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10
I do not approve of her actions. The council is working well. The Chief of Police has stated there is no reason to change it. Remember who you work for the People of Lincoln not the mayor.

Sent from my iPhone
Dear City Council Members,

I am writing out of deep concern for our city and safety of our citizens. Regarding the proposed Citizen Police Advisory Board expansion, I am expressing my opposition and encouraging you to vote NO.

More bureaucracy does not protect nor preserve the integrity of our community and those who serve to protect.

Thank you,

C Meyer
Angela M. Birkett

From: Emily Kunze <emily.kunze@cune.org>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 3:22 PM
To: Council Packet; Mayor
Subject: Opposition to adding members

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Hello,

I am writing to state my opposition to the mayor’s proposal to add additional members to the Citizen Police Advisory Board. Chief Bleimeister also feels there is no need for this. The board is working well and there is no reason to change it from 7 to 9 members.

Sincerely,
Emily Kunze
I am opposed to the proposal to add additional members to the Citizen Police Advisory Board. The board works well and there is no reason to change it!

Thank you,

Jeanne Donnelly
Sent from my iPad
I am against changing the number of members from 7 to 9 on the Citizen Police Advisory Board.

Julia Holman
I APPOSE the request that the Citizen Police Advisory Board be expanded from seven (7) to nine (9) members.
I am writing to state my opposition to the mayor's proposal to add additional members to the Citizen Police Advisory Board. Chief Bleimeister also feels there is no need for this. The board is working well and there is no reason to change it from 7 to 9 members. The mayor only wants to add these for the Black Lives Matter representatives.

Sincerely,
Beth Kunze
Lincoln City Council and Lincoln Mayor:

In response to your City Council meeting agenda scheduled for 11-23-2020, I concur with Chief Bliemeister in that there is no need for additional members on Lincoln's Citizens Police Advisory Board...all this creates is additional political agendas not necessary for a police department that is functioning optimally. I consider Lincoln's Police Department to be one of the absolute best in the entire USA and our Lancaster County Sheriff's Department shares a likewise rating. If it isn't broke, DON'T fix it!

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Respectfully,

Dianne Plock
7534 Kentwell Lane
Lincoln, NE 68516
402.328.8599
The Citizens Police Advisory Board is too important to be politicized.
Stop using your positions to turn our conservative city in a liberal socialist place.
This is only feeding your recall.

Melissa Carpenter
402-817-3958
On Monday Nov 23, you (the Lincoln City Council) will be asked to approve the Mayor’s request to allow her to appoint 2 additional members to the 7 member police advisory board.

Do NOT, I repeat DO NOT approve The mayor’s request to increase the size of the citizens public advisory board by two appointments. Seven people is sufficient and has proven to be effective in the past. The larger a group becomes, the less effective it is.

Also, how can this be considered a citizens public advisory board when the appointments to it come from only the mayor?

I recommend this group be abolished, and to let the people decide who is to be their representative on such a board.

Tom Nebelsick
Dear Mayor and City Council,

As a business owner in the city of Lincoln, I oppose expanding the citizen police advisory board.

Chief Bliemeister supports the current board and its function, so I think the best course of action is no action.

If there is a vote on expanding the board, I respectfully request that you vote against an expansion.

Sincerely,

Gregory S. Freeman
Owner, NL Enterprises, LLC
3534 S. 48th St., Ste.3B
Lincoln NE 68506

Sent from my iPhone
I strongly oppose adding 2 more board members to the Citizen Police Advisory Board. Sincerely- Julie Henslee

Sent from my iPhone
Dear City Council,

I am writing to prevent the change of the size of the Citizen Police Advisory Board from seven members to nine members. This change is seen as a cynical political move by the mayor to gain more control of the board and to appease her own political allies. Please don't be a part of it.

There is no reason to pack the Citizen Police Advisory Board with two new mayoral appointments except for political reasons. Chief of Police Bliemeister finds the current board functions well with the seven members. Turning the Citizen Police Advisory Board into a political body would be detrimental to the work of the police. The mayor is already filling three positions on the board this week. It is obvious that the addition of two more seats is a calculating attempt to gain political control of a body that is supposed to serve the interests of the entire city, not just an individual politician or small political group.

I urge you not to be a part in this terrible idea. There is no need for it, it would have bad outcomes for the very professional police department, and it would disenfranchise the entire city by giving control of the board to the mayor and her fringe group of political allies.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

Dan Buhrdorf
Lincoln, Nebraska
To whom it may concern,

The police advisory board needs to stay at seven. There is no need to expand. Please to NOT radically change our state to appease BLM.

I pray you listen to the citizens of Lincoln and not our radical mayor.

Sincerely,
A very concerned citizen
Cindy Latoza

Sent from my iPhone
This email is being sent to voice my concern over increasing the membership of the Citizen Police Advisory Board. The city of Lincoln's police force does not need a larger advisory board to do its work effectively. It does its work effectively given the resources they have. We need more officers, not more advisors.

There is never a need for MORE bureaucracy. Do the right thing in supporting the Advisory Board in the role they play.

DO NOT INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE BOARD..

Tammie Lang
tammie.lang@hotmail.com
I am opposed to changing the citizens advisory board I Would like it to be left the same Thank you Carol mueller

Sent from my iPhone
Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to expanding the Citizen Police Advisory Board. Besides there being no need whatsoever for such an expansion, I have no confidence that Mayor Baird would appoint reasonable people who have the best interest of our police in mind. The mayor’s contempt for our police as evidenced by her words and actions this summer during the riots was alarming and gives me reason to think she would only appoint anti-police people to these positions to appease the anti-police crowd. The last thing our police need is to be further handcuffed in doing their job by such a board. Please do the right thing and reject this unnecessary and anti-police expansion.

Thank you,

Mark Mathewson, Ph.D.
2812 Tennyson St
Lincoln, NE 68516
I oppose the addition of more members to the Police Advisory Board. It appears to function well as is.
I am writing to state my opposition to the mayor's proposal to add additional members to the Citizen Police Advisory Board. Chief Bleimeister also feels there is no need for this. The board is working well and there is no need to change it from 7 to 9. The Mayor wants to add these for BLM representatives.

Sent from my iPad
There is no need to add more people to the citizens police advisory board. That is the same as packing the supreme court all the mayor is looking for is people to vote their way. Please do not add to the board.
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There is no need to change the amount of members on the CPA board. The mayor is given too much power the way it is and members of the board should be confirmed by the public and not just chosen by the radical agendas of BLM and the mayor.

Thanks

Jason Mach
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City Council Members

Please leave the Citizen Police Advisory Board as is. The Board functions well as is.
Thank You!

Wendy Majorins

Sent from my iPhone
This is to inform you that I am totally against what the mayor is attempting to do by adding more seats to the CPAB. There is no reason to make this change, it’s only so she can give herself more power! I hope this time you will stand up to her and listen to Chief Bliemeister and the citizens of Lincoln and vote against her! Thank you, Marge Herr
The advisory board is fine the where are you it is! Please do not change or!
Thank You
Dave Tubach

Sent from my iPhone
I oppose this change. The current situation we have is fine!
I will support Police Chief Bliemeister in his desire to keep the Citizen Police Advisory Board at its current number of members.
I do not see the advantages or needs to increase the number of participants.

Kathy Hoffart
1. Bigger does not guarantee better, nor less bias. The Citizen Police Advisory Board functions well now, and is diverse. Why spend time, energy, and money fixing something that is not broken? Activity does not necessarily produce productivity!

2. Monopoly is dangerous, and that may be the whole goal of the movement spearheaded by the Mayor's office.

3. Remember the Aesop fable, "The Boy who called Wolf"? Meaning: "To give false alarm." To many false alarms resulted in the absence of believers (rescuers) when needed. Beware all you who have limited thoughts of your own.

Respectfully,

Carl D Brown

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Carl D. Brown
6301 S 58 St
Lincoln, Ne 68516

Cell 402-440-0988

www.carlbrown.com

Promise without performance is pretense.
Dear Council,

I am writing to respectfully express my opposition of adding additional board members to the Citizens Police Advisory Board. The seven seats have been sufficient for years and I see no reason other than perhaps political motivation to expand the number of members. A diverse group can be accomplished at the present number and making this larger only creates decision-making more complex with more people or perhaps one-sided.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Sincerely, Ron Votipka
My wife and I vote NO to increase the Citizen Advisory Board from 7 to 9 members. We believe there are enough members advising our Police. Least we forget, there have been very few incidents where the police were in the wrong. Our community support our Police Department and the work they are doing.

Mr and Mrs. Donald Levis PhD
Cell: 402-607-0042
Email: cynthialevis@hotmail.com
Council Members,

I see no reason to increase the size of the advisory board at this time.

Respectfully,

Judy Strand

Sent from my iPad
I support the current Citizen Police Advisory Board as it is now. I don’t see adding more to it would be beneficial. Once you get too many voices the intent of this board would get off on other topics. It is hard enough to keep focus on today’s issues.

Always the voices that want to be heard should be heard, but keep the board at its current size.

Michelle Kurtzer
7500 Karl Drive
Lincoln NE 68516

402-890-0529
To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this in opposition to adding to the Citizen Police Advisory Board. I support Chief Bliemeister and the function of the current board.

Kind Regards,
Paula Sroczynski
Lincoln, NE
I am writing this in support of leaving this board to its current 7 members. There is not a need to change this board as it is currently diverse and functioning well. LPD has always worked well with the community of Lincoln, and there is no need to change the dynamics of this board.

Please listen to the citizens of Lincoln.

Thank you!
Michelle Knapp
The Citizen Police Advisory Board is functioning well without increasing the number. Leave the Board as it is now. The Mayor does not need to change this board.

Steve and Jerry Lee Jensen
badaxelake@gmail.com
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I oppose expanding the Citizen Police Advisory Board.

Chief Bliemeister supports the current board and its function. There has been no logical reason provided to show that the current makeup of the board is not working as designed. No reason has been provided to explain the reasoning of why the board needs expanded.

I oppose the expansion.

Scott B.
Lincoln Nebraska
Hello mayor Baird and city council members!

I live in Lincoln and I quite enjoy watching city council meetings( mostly from home these days because you know, corona . I also loathe sitting on trash bags and it appears that’s what’s on all the chairs now??)

One request Mayor Baird made during the November 16th meeting I find particularly upsetting . If the LPD citizen advisory board has functioned so well for 45 years why on earth would you change it?!

Please do not approve Mayor Bairds request to add 2 additional seats to the citizen advisory board for the LPD- doing so will absolutely politicize it.

On a slightly different note it seems to me a vote for changing the citizen advisory board for the LPD could very well be a vote against yourself. The people of Lincoln ARE watching closely to see the choices you will make in light of the recall petitions that will be circulating soon. Choose well!

Thanks for your consideration ,

Sarah Cabell,
Lincoln resident- district 2.
To the Lincoln Mayor and all City Counsel Members

I, Charleen Phan-Cao, a resident of Lincoln, oppose the Mayor's idea of adding more people to the Citizen Police Advisory Board. There is no need to add more member to the board.

Sincerely,

Charleen Phan-Cao
November 21, 2020

Dear City Council Members,

Thank you for your service to our community by serving on the City Council. I am writing to express my opposition to expanding the Citizen Police Advisory Board be expanded from seven (7) to nine (9) members.

From my understanding current Police Chief Bliemeister supports the current board and its function and feels that the board is already diverse and functioning well. I have been told that there are not really isn’t any necessary or urgent reasons to change and potentially impact and distract police resources from their core functions.

Cordially,

LeRoy

H. LeRoy Rock
2765 S. 38th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68506
Phone: 402-486-1387
Dear City Council:
I oppose the request to expand the Citizen Police Advisory Board from 7 to 9 members. I support the current number of members on the board and am requesting the number of board members remains at 7.

Sincerely,
Patricia Eaton
I am against increasing the number of people on the Citizen Police Advisory Board from 7 to 9 or whatever number is being considered. The advisory board has been functioning well under the current number of 7 people.

Sent from my iPad
Jocelyn Mast
402-202-3764
I do not support the Mayor's proposed expansion of the Citizens Police Advisory Board. Please vote against adding two seats.
Respectfully,
Valerie Hayden

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone
We DO NOT want more liberals with all their big ideas for changing laws that are already working for our city. DO NOT want appointments to city council without complete reviews of who is being appointed and what their views are.

We the people of Lincoln, taxpayers, want to vote and a city government that is transparent.
City Council Members,
I would like to request that you choose to deny Mayor Baird's request to add 2 additional members to the Citizens Police Advisory Board.

It is currently working well, as Chief Bliemeister, Lincoln's Chief of Police testified on Monday. It seems to me that a Board that has been a well-oiled machine for 45 years should not be so drastically changed. Why do this to something that does what it was meant to do in what seems to be an efficient way? The CPAB is nearly universally respected by citizen's and LPD alike.

My greatest fear is that Mayor Baird's actions are politicizing the Citizens Police Advisory Board. Prior to this, I was only vaguely aware of the CPAB. Now? I am very aware of it and what Mayor Baird is doing with it. This seems to be an enormous misstep for Lincoln. If you enable Mayor Baird to politicize this group, the public will lose trust in it. If we lose trust in it, all the good that it does is for nothing.

Is this a direction you as a City Council want to take?

If you vote to allow Mayor Baird to do this, it will be an attack on the police who serve us well and the many voices pleading with you to stop enabling Mayor Baird's grip of more and more power to the enormous detriment of Lincoln's citizens.

You are our voice and our last stand. I implore you to speak for us!

Many thanks for your time in reading this, Renee Hueser

Sent from my iPhone
I write in opposition to adding additional members or changes to the current process. This is an unnecessary change.

Sent from my iPhone
Dear Lincoln City Council Member,

Please do not support the mayor’s proposal to expand the Citizen Police Advisory board from 7 to 9 members. We have one of the best law enforcement systems in the country.
Lincoln City Police Department.
Lancaster County Sheriff’s Department.
The existing Advisory board is doing a fine job and the members represent the demographics of the Citizens of Lincoln.
Mayor Gaylor-Barid is clearly not supporting these two fine Departments.
Her actions (or lack of action) during the May riots are inexcusable.

Sincerely

Tom & Sharon Trumble
5545 N 17th St.
Lincoln, NE 68521

Cell 402-540-6089
Home 402-464-3089

ttrumble@windstream.net
ttrumble1948@gmail.com
Angela M. Birkett

From: GLO <glo@extras.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 21, 2020 1:33 PM
To: Council Packet; Mayor; City Clerk
Subject: Vote NO on the requested Citizen Police Advisory Board changes

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Our Lincoln Mayor is again showing her disregard for our men and women in Blue. This past Monday the mayor's office went before the city council and

The request by our Mayor to expand the Citizen Police Advisory Board from seven (7) to nine (9) members and to change its format is a ridiculous and irresponsible request. It is solely to punish Lincoln Police Department.
I request the City Council Members vote NO.
Greg Osborn

Greg Osborn
1144 Manchester Dr
Lincoln, NE 68528

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
Philippians 4-13
Dear City Council Members,

Please record this letter as opposition to amending Chapter 4.08 Citizen Police Advisory Board of the Lincoln Municipal Code. Thank you- Mary Hilton

Forty-five years ago the Citizen Police Advisory Board was formed to build trust and provide two-way communication between government and the community; it was designed to give citizens a voice and provide an avenue for community input into the actions of their Lincoln Police Department. I have met with several police officers who believe that the CPAB has been working well with the LPD; the board is seen as being fair and understanding.

I have learned that a majority of complaints against police officers are generated internally and dealt with directly in-house. Appropriate checks and balances are built in the system, and the LPD desires to hold fellow officers accountable. Serious inquiries generated through the CPAB board or internally, go to LPD's Internal Affairs and the CPAB. It was mentioned during the testimony time last week during the council meeting that an average of 10 cases are brought before the board each year, so the CPAB is not overwhelmed in their work.

If the current board is working well and formal complaints are minimal, there seems to be no reason to increase the size of the board from 7 to 9. Changing this ordinance is a solution looking for a problem. If the Mayor wanted to improve the diversity of the board, she should have done it this week when three current board members’ terms expired on November 17, 2020. For good reason, the board members terms are staggered. Unless a mayor serves multiple terms, the board can only be replaced gradually. The Mayor should not be able to pack the board by adding two additional members.

Instead of ensuring that a cross-section of the city is represented on the board, legitimate concerns exist that partisan and anti-cop/defund members will be appointed by the Mayor. The last thing our police department needs is an adversarial board instead of an advisory board. As a citizen, I want LPD to be given a fair shake
with reasonable oversight that works with them, one that does not undermine their work in keeping Lincoln safe. Also, since body cams will be used by all police officers soon, this will provide another level of oversight to their work.

My second concern with the proposed ordinance is the ability to file a formal complaint via email/electronic means. The ease of making a formal report may result in many more complaints, some possibly not truthful, so there needs to also be a counter amendment penalizing false reporting just as there is when filing a false police report. If the system becomes flooded, possibly with erroneous claims, the statistics alone could cause a firestorm of supposed systemic problems within the LPD. We’ve been told many times over the last decade that “it is the seriousness of the allegation that matters.” Undoubtedly, confidence will be eroded within the system, and the very purpose of the CPAB, designed to build trust with the community, will be turned on its head.

The LPD has the overwhelming support of this city, but what they often lack is support of the Lincoln City Council and the Mayor both in word and deed. Packing the CPAB will be perceived as adversarial, undermining the effectiveness of our stellar police force. Allowing ease of submitting formal complaints via electronic means may encourage false reporting. I urge the council to oppose changing this CPAB, and in doing so, showing support of the Lincoln Police Department.

Thank you,

Mary Hilton

5324 Hunts Drive

Lincoln, NE 68512
To whom it may concern,

I would like to write to express my concern and opposition to the recent proposal set forth by the Mayor of Lincoln with regards to the Citizen Police Advisory Board and politicize it. This has the potential to destroy the integrity of the board and thus its entire purpose. Please do not support this decision.

Thank you for your time,

Melody Rogers
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Please do not expand the board it is doing fine. Why risk up setting things

Sent from my iPhone
I unequivocally, as a citizen of the City of Lincoln, Ne, County of Lancaster, oppose the addition of more members to the Police Board, that the Mayor is now proposing. This Mayor has overstepped her bounds in many respects and does not have my support or endorsement, for this latest action.

I will be signing the position to recall this Mayor. She is a disgrace to the office and has infiltrated our city, foisting her oppressive and unconstitutional agenda on me, my family and the people of this city, against our will.

Deb Rahn

Have a great day! This has been sent from my phone.
Do not vote in favor of adding additional seats to the Citizens Police Advisory Board. There is no valid reason to expand the number of seats, the board is already diverse and is functioning well. Additional seats will make reaching a quorum more difficult, politicize the board and erode public trust. Leave the law as it stands at 7 seats.

Just because you can do something, doesn't necessarily mean you should.
Good Day,

I am writing to share my opinion regarding the mayor's request of the City Council to increase the number of seats on the Citizen Police Advisory Board. It is my understanding that she wants to increase the board from 7 members to 9 members. I am requesting that you vote against this change. The CPAB is functioning fine as it is. There is no need for a change. It is my understanding that the mayor has stated that the reason for the additional seats is to increase the diversity of the board and to make it easier to get a quorum. Lincoln's Police Chief Bliemeister supports the current board and its functions. The board is already diverse and functioning well. There is no reason to change and potentially impact and distract police resources from their core functions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Heidi Nolan
There is no reason to give this mayor any more power as she and maybe multiple council members may be recalled soon.

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Deborah Rinne <drinne@lps.org>
Date: November 21, 2020 at 10:01:46 AM CST
To: councilpacket@lincoln.ne.gov, mayor@lincoln.ne.gov
Subject: Oppose change

Please be the voice of the people! Do not add more seats to the board by conveniently changing the law. The board is diverse. Do not undermine our police!!
Thank you- DebRinne

Sent from my iPhone
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Thank you- DebRinne

Sent from my iPhone
Good morning!! I am OPPOSED to adding 2 additional seats to the Citizen police advisory board. It functions well as is.

Thank you for listening.

Sara Rajewski

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android
RE: Against Expanding Citizen Police Advisory Board

Dear Mayor and City Council,

My husband and I do not support the Mayor’s plan to expand the Citizen Police Advisory Board from 7 to 9 members. The board seems diverse enough already, and is functioning well. Please do not change the dynamics. It can only cause more racial division and problems for Lincoln.

When our Lincoln Police Department heroes can no longer legally defend the law-abiding, upright citizens, and end up like other cities in the U.S., merely standing to watch our city burn and be looted by the true haters of justice, we will no longer be a city of peace, but fear and destruction.

We are standing with our men in blue.

Sincerely,

Frank and Mary Dee Bomberger
Citizen Council Members,

I am writing to oppose the Mayor’s attempt to alter the Citizen Police Advisory Board to suit her political agenda and extend her personal influence. The Citizen Police Advisory Board is comprised of seven members, three of whom she is schedule to replace. Her goal of adding two additional members that she would personally select would replace the majority of members in a single three-year period. That has never been done the in 45 years that the Citizen Police Advisory Board has been in existence.

The mayor’s stated intent is to make the board “more diverse.” There are two problems with that statement:

1. Her aide admitted that the board is already diverse, and
2. What does the phrase “more diverse” actually mean (what is the mayor’s definition of diversity? and how does the mayor measure it?)

No one person should be given that type of expanded power. The role of the City Council is to be a check on the power of the executive branch, not to cede its authority and ignore the voice of our citizens, as was done with the “emergency” authorization and the public hearings regarding the Health Department director.

This is a mayor of questionable judgement. Her government has shown zero tolerance for “parking violations,” but had the police stand-down while every window of the building I work in was broken during protests.

Now it is up to you to limit that mayor’s power-grab and reestablish the integrity of the City Council.

Joseph J. Harris
2848 Jane Lane
The CPAB is not intended to be political. Seems sufficient for the mayor to replace the 3 current openings without true need for a 9 member panel.

Please vote to retain the CPAB in its current form.

Thank you,
Larry Van Treeck
6515 Sundance Ct
Lincoln, NE 68512
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Please do NOT fill the empty seats and or add more members to satisfy the rage mob. If you do that, any credibility or genuine respect will be lost forever. With the current atmosphere against police, this is a terrible idea to add radical members.

We need MORE funding for police, not less. We need MORE support from the leaders to reinforce the police dept’s actions. Whether people like it or not, we need to support the police.

My wife is an officer in Lincoln and she sure as hell does not mean to harm anyone. She goes above and BEYOND to help anyone where she can. She tells me everyone she’s ever worked along side is the same way. These officers are GOOD people with families. No one wants to take a life. That life also has a family. We need a LEADER for the BLACK community to help communicate personal accountability.

I’ve had my run ins with the law as a young man. Guess what? Had I not put myself in those positions, I would have never had those interactions.

If you get pulled over and you get a ticket, fight it in court, NOT IN YOUR CAR. That leads to possible harm and or death of the person in the car OR the police officer. Everyone has a family. Let’s keep all families together.

402 902 8388 I’ll talk to anyone about this. No more deaths!

-Tim Ahmann
Servants of Lincoln,
Please leave the Citizen Police Advisory Board at its current membership of 7 individuals. Everyone knows what is being attempted with this "packing" the board proposal. Please do not politicize yet another function of our city.
Thanks,
Roger Frederick
621 Rockhurst Dr.
Elected officials,

I email you today to urge you to NOT make any changes to the Citizen Police Advisory Board. The city of Lincoln does not need to add more seats to this board. This move is nothing more than a political action to advance the radical agenda of the mayor. You were elected to your positions to uphold the rules and regulations of the City of Lincoln. I urge you to make decisions that are in line with the views of the citizens of Lincoln.

Regards,
Jeanne Greisen
We support **NO CHANGES** to the CPAB as Lincoln’s Police Chief Bliemeister supports the current board and its function. *The board is already diverse and functioning well.* There is no reason to change and potentially impact and distract police resources from their core functions.

Other than allowing our Mayor who already wields more and significant power over the citizens of this city, it is not necessary to thrust even more power over the citizens while the Mayor runs roughshod over us all with her powers and hungrily looks for even more power.

**WE DO NOT SUPPORT undermining the police who protect and serve us.** The JOB OF the City Council is to be the voice of the people and a check to the executive branch of government. We ask for this very City Council to actually **STEP UP AND BE THE VOICE** of the PEOPLE (voters, citizens, taxpayers) and yes, to put a check on the executive branch and **NOT SUPPORT** more of the Lincoln Mayor's bids to PACK THIS COURT.

Diana Shriver

Sent from Outlook
I appreciate the Lincoln police force and their help to keep citizens safe. I believe that the current size of the citizen police advisory board is adequate and I oppose adding additional members. Thank you for your consideration,
Al Riskowski

Sent from my iPhone
Please continue to support our Police Force by showing your respect. We can’t be put in the same position as Minneapolis, a city with a skeleton for a Police Force and out of control crime.

Sincerely Paul Liess

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
Keep the CPAB at 7 seats.
Don’t switch to 9 seats.

Joy
Dear Council Members and Madam Mayor:
I am writing to you in order to express my displeasure with Mayor Baird’s request to expand the CPAB from seven to nine members.
Expanding the board only creates more government! As we see every day, larger government makes “getting something done” harder not easier.
Mayor Baird, your claim that the increase would make the board more diverse, more inclusive, comes at the same time you want to exclude public input, this smells of politics and right now people are fed up with politics.
Mayor Baird’s demands to suspend rules, move quickly without public input and “Never let a crises go to waste” attitude cause me great concern.
I ask the members of the City Council and Mayor Baird to table the discussion, leave the board at seven and get busy finding ways to safely open our city and put people back to work.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Lincoln Citizen
If my name and address are needed, please reply stating such and I will comply.

Sent from my iPad
Council Member,

I believe that adding members to the CPA is wrong and should not done. This group is functioning as it should and has for the last 45 years.

Wendy Cech

Get Outlook for iOS
Members,

Please leave the board as it is & has been...7 members!

Thank you,

Jason Cech
4144 B Street

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone
Dear Councilmember,

I write in opposition to the proposal to expand the membership of the Citizen Police Advisory Board. I have been unable to verify definitively the historical size of the board since its inception in 1975, but it appears that it has been 7 members since that time.

There has been testimony that the current board is diverse and is functioning well. The mayor’s office has not given any valid reason to support the expansion of the board. It appears that the mayor wants to be able to appoint a majority of the board’s membership in order to establish control over this board with individuals who have a like-minded ideology towards the Lincoln Police Department and its policies in order to satisfy the dictates of the BLM group and their allies. Regardless of whether or not the mayor’s office admits this (highly doubtful) - since the mayor has not presented any compelling reason for this expansion request, it should be denied.

This is an opportunity for members of the city council to step up and not be viewed as rubber stamps for the dictates of Mayor Baird.

Sincerely,

Duane Meyer
3520 N. 72nd St.
Lincoln, NE
Angela M. Birkett

From: susan lakeway <slakeway@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 11:54 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police Advisory Board Expansion

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Dear Mayor & Council Members,

It has been brought to my attention that the Mayor's office went before the City Council and requested the Citizen Police Advisory Board be expanded from seven to nine members. It is common thought that you are packing the board in an effort to appease BLM, a self proclaimed marxist group, and anti-police supporters. In my opinion, those supporting this initiative are lawbreakers to begin with and do not want the police to stop their illegal activities. If you, as the Mayor, cannot fully support and stand behind your police department, we will be another fallen city to an uprising in CRIME.

The state of Nebraska enjoys low crime rates. Its violent crime rate is 2.8 incidents per 1,000-almost one full point below the national average of 3.7. The property crime rate is 20.8, compared to the national rate of 22.0. These statistics prove we are doing something right in this state! Please stop pandering to the minority demands. I am thankful for our police department, however, I do recognize there is room for improvement.

My understanding is Chief Bliemeister supports the current board and its function. I am writing this letter to show my support for the Chief's position on this matter, as I understand the board is already diverse and functioning well.

Respectfully yours,

Susan Lakeway
Lincoln resident
Dear Council:

Thank you for your service to our city.

We object to an expansion of the board related to police work.

Support our officers in blue and do not expand.

I’ll be talking to hundreds of friends about this.

Truly,

Rev. Perry M. Gauthier, V.D.M.
Capitol Studies Incorporated
4547 Calvert Street, Lincoln, NE 68506
Perry@CapitolStudies.org
Cell/text: 402-770-6270
Dear Mayor & Council Members,

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Ed & Jodi Osborn
Lincoln residents
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Respectfully yours,

Jodi Osborn
Lincoln resident
City Council Members,

I spoke in opposition to the Mayor’s attempt to politicize the Citizen Police Advisory Board last Monday and I still stand opposed.

I wanted to address the two reasons the Mayor’s aid gave for desiring to expand the board.

1. To add diversity by possibly adding an additional lawyer. Surely, I’m not the only one who realizes that you don’t add diversity by adding another of something that you already have. That would make it less diverse.

2. Adding additional members to a board typically increases the difficulty in making a quorum. It would have been nice to find out how many times the board failed to achieve a quorum last year. The advice to the mayor should be, if the board has trouble with it’s members showing up, as the Mayor’s aid insinuated, is to replace them with members who do show up. Not to increase to number of members on the board.

3. In the middle of an emergency declaration for COVID, is this really the best timing for the Mayor to start meddling with the citizens police oversight? Why is she distracting herself with politicizing a board that by all accounts is working well and is trusted by the public?

At a time when everything the mayor touches she makes political, you can protect the CPAB and yourselves from again being sucked into her vortex. Hasn’t she pressured you into enough trouble?

Petitions for the recall of many of your seats will begin circulating on Monday. Ironically, the same day you vote on this measure. If you vote yes, to politicize this citizens board, that will give each and every circulator, carrying your recall petitions, just one more very recent reason to provide the people of Lincoln, illustrating why it’s time for you to go.

Samuel Lyon
Dear council members,

I’m opposed to changing the citizens police advisory board.

Please leave as is, it is functioning well.

Lucy Bowers
Lincoln, NE
I am opposed to changing the CPAB. Leave as is.

Kirk Bowers
4800 Bear Creek Rd
Lincoln, Ne
I encourage the council and mayor to maintain the Citizen Advisory Board at its current membership. The board is functioning fine and does not need to be changed. Lincoln is so fortunate to have Chief Bleimeister and his officers working in our community. Please leave the board at its current membership.

Fran Colon
Retired Educator

Sent from my iPhone
City Council Members,

I am opposed to increasing the number of members on the Citizen Police Advisory Board.

It is currently quite diverse and is functioning well with 7 members.

I am in favor of the police department being adequately funded with no resources cut because our minority and poverty areas can benefit from more police services.

Helen Sellentin
Dear Council members;

We are writing to strongly oppose expanding the Citizen Police Advisory Board from seven to nine members. The board already functions well as it is now. We strongly “Back the Blue” and oppose anything that has the potential to distract police resources.

Sincerely.

Donn and Catherine Mann
To whom it may concern,
It has come to my attention that the mayor of Lincoln has requested that two more positions be added to the Citizen Police Advisory Board. I am concerned that this is related to the agenda of Black Lives Matter and anti-police supporters.
I am writing to ask you to not to add these extra positions.
Thank you.
Cheryl Friberg
There is no need to increase the CPAB board from **7 to 9 members**; increase the allowed time from when an incident occurred and a complaint brought forth from 45 to 60 days; and most concerning, **allow formal complaints to be made via email** in addition to in-person and regular mail.

Besides packing the board, my concern is that the Mayor will be appointing members who have an agenda. If this were to happen, the board could become quite adversarial, stirring up all kinds of problems for the police who already have a well-working set of checks and balances and accountability within their administration.

Allowing formal complaints against officers to be filed via email is the other main concern. It can be reasonably imagined that a flood of complaints could overwhelm the system, providing statistical data "proving" the LPD has systemic issues. It is not far-fetched to believe that at best this could create a media nightmare for the LPD, undermining their important public safety work in our community. I don’t want to even think about the at worst scenario.

Please do not attempt to fix something that isn’t broken!

Kathryn Ponte-Hamersky
As a citizen of Lincoln, I do not support nor do I see a need to expand the Citizen Police Advocacy Board. The board is already diverse and functioning well. There is no sound reason to change and potentially impact and distract police resources from their core functions.

Respectfully,

Jim Martindale
Keep Citizen Police Advisory Board at seven members. Chief Bliemeister is satisfied with that number and it provides sufficient diversity of members. Police are vital to the safety and very heart of the Lincoln community. Fewer ideas are stupider or more egregious than moves to defund police departments or tie their hands with restrictions to correct non-existent conditions in our city!

Del Ridder d-ridder@outlook.com 402 476-7381
The current 7 member board is meeting our needs. Just stop with appeasement
Not broke dont fix it, the board is doing proper work
I am just aware that the Mayor is desiring to increase the number of Board Members on the Citizens Advisory Board, from 7 to 9 members. Adding more members to an advisory board should be indicative that there are unrepresented sectors of our population. Going from 7 to 9 seems to be adding numbers to make this board unwieldy, and ineffective. I am told there are already openings on this board, so how does increasing the number accomplish anything. It appears our population is being represented.

I am against this change and support keeping the number at 7 members.

Lance Paulsen
(402) 770-9947
Please keep the Citizen Police Advisory Board at the current number of 7. The chief of police feels this is working fine. Please listen to him since he knows how this works.

Thank you
Kim Christiansen
Please continue the current plan in funding and programming for LPD. It is working well, so don't fix what isn't broken.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
Dear Mayor and City Council,
We do not support the Mayor's call to expand the Citizen Police Advisory Board from 7 to 9 members. Chief Bliemeister believes the Board is functioning adequately as-is. The justification for a change is not apparent. We feel that this is a move that could have a significant political impact.
Thank you,
Tom and Vicki Johnson
3445 C Street
Lincoln, NE
Dear Council Members

I am writing to express my concern for the board to be increased from 7 members to 9 members. It is my understanding that Chief Bliemeister supports the number and function that is currently in place. Please do not succumb to the pressures of BLM and other anti-police groups that are wreaking havoc in our cities and country.

Respectfully,
Karen Travis
After this summer’s violence in our country and after the Mayor almost rejected the grant for additional police in our community, I was disappointed to learn of her continued disregard for the members of our Lincoln Police Department. If the Chief, who’s closest to the situation in our community, supports the current board and its function, thinking the board is already diverse and functioning well, it’s unreasonable to change and potentially impact and distract police resources from their core functions. I see no reason to encourage BLM the organization and the anti-police supporters trying to undermine our Lincoln community.

I urge you to vote against this expansion of the Citizen Police Advisory Board.

Respectfully,

Linda Clare
I want it known that I STRONGLY OPPOSE expanding the Citizen Police Advisory Board. There is no need to add members when the Board is diverse and functioning well.
My wife and I (2 voters) are opposed to any change the mayor is requesting regarding appointment to this board. The mayor already has control over the police department since she controls the chief of police. Why would she need the ability to “stack” this review board? May I remind all the council members that some of you are already facing recall action for following lockstep with the mayor. In case you have forgotten, the people of Lincoln are your boss, you were elected to serve the city, not rule over it.

Thank you.

James and Anita Childers

Sent from my iPhone
This seems like a poor time to make changes to the oversight of our very fine police department. They have responded with respect and patience to the protests and everyday policing. To disrupt procedures and add more layers of overhead, will, in my opinion, make their jobs more difficult. Importantly, it will make it more difficult to recruit new officers.

It is time to review, but not to disrupt

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*Marilyn*

Marilyn Hoskins
402.430.6265
I served on this board beginning in the 1990s to the mid 2000s including as chairman for a number of years. I was appointed originally by Mayor Mike Johanns and reappointed by several Democrat mayors.

It was a good and fair board. The ordinance required that the board reflect the community in member representation. At that time, the minority population would have statistically required only one member be appointed but we always had at least one Black, one Hispanic, one Asian/Vietnamese, etc. and one Native American serving on the board.

The board on which I served was responsible for having the pamphlet about the board and how to file a complaint printed in Vietnamese, Farsi, Russian, and a number of other languages just like the Nebraska Drivers Manuals, City of Lincoln Employment Applications, and Department of Health and Human Services information were.

Police Chiefs Allen Curtis and Tom Casady were very supportive of the board. The Internal Affairs Investigator worked closely with us.

I would not be supportive of allowing the filing of complaints by email because people tend to take many actions on the spur of the moment using email without thinking through a situation and/or providing the necessary information.

I do support having the forms to file a complaint available on the internet though.

I do not see any need to increase the number of members on the board.

Dorothy C. Anderson
3210 Van Dorn Street
Lincoln, NE  68502
City Council of Lincoln,

I learned recently that our mayor, in yet another example of government overreach, is considering an unnecessary change to the makeup of the Citizen Police Advisory Board. I am extremely concerned that she is being pressured by anti-police groups like BLM and possibly others. Please do not add members to the Citizen Police Advisory Board. The Citizen Police Advisory Board functions fine as it is. The board has had a consistent caseload over the past decade with an average of 10 complaints a year, and so it is not overwhelmed with work. There is no need to add board members. As a state with a unicameral and low unemployment rate we know that sometimes less is more! If people need to file a complaint, they should at least call. Filing complaints via email is too impersonal and could be abused.

I implore you to be morally courageous and honor traditions that most closely align with both our state and US constitutions. We are a nation of laws and we cannot be swayed by voices that seek power at any cost. Please hold the line and remind our mayor that she works for ALL of us!

Thanks,

Chris J.
Southeast Lincoln
Council Members: We do not need to add additional people to this board and start packing this committee to appease a few. As terms end, new members can be added as has been done in the past. Don't change things which are already working. Roger Kinsey
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This message is in regard to the above Board, the currently open three positions, the Mayor’s intent to expand the Board from 7 to 9, and the Mayor’s intent to appease the BLM by appointing new Board members who favor the Mayor’s intent. This reflects the national scene where the Democrats would like to pack the Supreme Court. One Board member sympathetic to the BLM would reflect the % of Blacks citizens in Lincoln. But I suspect that as many or more Blacks support the police and law and order as those who support BLM.

Please do not support the Mayor’s intentions on this matter.

Charles Gregorius, MD
What additional diversity is needed by adding two more members to the CPAB and what is the current diversity make up of the CPAB?

I mentioned in my previous email that I have had positive interaction with the LPD and see no need for a CPAB. I have had some negative interaction with the Lincoln Fire Department. Why is there no Citizen Advisory Board for review of their policies and procedures? I am sure that there are other city agencies that people have negative interactions or concerns with that may need Citizen Advisory Boards such as street maintenance, tree maintenance, and city park maintenance.

We do have a city council that the citizens are free to contact for their concerns regarding issues involving city issues. Let's let them do their job.

Thank you for your response and considering my input.

Paul Haith
2010 S. 80th
Lincoln, NE 68506
402-489-0093

On 11/19/2020 4:44 PM, Adelle L. Burk wrote:
> Dear Paul,
> 
> My name is Adelle Burk and I am an aide to Mayor Gaylor Baird. Thank you for writing to share your feedback on a proposed ordinance to update the Citizen Police Advisory Board.
> 
> The City and the Lincoln Police Department place a high value on transparency, accountability, and community feedback. Our Citizen Police Advisory Board is one of many mechanisms that we have to provide that accountability and oversight. For the last forty-five years, the community members who serve on the CPAB have investigated complaints, listened to public concerns, influenced the development of LPD policies and procedures, and strengthened the relationship between Lincoln residents and our police.
> 
> The revised ordinance that is currently before the City Council contains four changes which are designed to modernize the CPAB and make the complaint process even more accessible. We are grateful for the service that CPAB members provide to our community and we want to make sure that every community member has access to the board.
>
You mention the proposal to increase the number of members on the board from 7 to 9. Adding two additional members will allow us to have an even more diverse cross-section of community members serving on the board, in terms of race/ethnicity, employment, background, neighborhood, and other factors.

The Mayor has committed to re-appointing the three current members who are eligible for re-appointment and values the experience and thoughtfulness of our current CPAB members. Further, any individuals whom the Mayor nominates to serve on the CPAB must be approved by a vote of the City Council. All new nominees appear before the City Council to field questions from Council members, and their applications and resumes are provided to Council members prior to the hearing.

Thank you again for writing to share your feedback.

Best wishes,

Adelle Burk
Aide to Mayor Gaylor Baird | City of Lincoln
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555 South 10th Street, Ste. 301
Lincoln, NE 68508
lincoln.ne.gov

-----Original Message-----
From: Paul Haith <paulhaith@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 10:14 AM
To: Council Packet <CouncilPacket@lincoln.ne.gov>; Mayor <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: Police Advisory

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I would oppose the addition of two members to the Police Advisory Committee. In fact I oppose the Advisory Committee. I have had some interactions with the LPD and feel that the administration and oversight is responsible for the excellent performance of the department. Let the LPD do its job and quite trying to demonize them with outside committees.

Paul Haith
2010 S. 80th
402-489-0093

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I am opposed to expanding this board from 7 to 9 positions.
I just received information concerning the mayors request to expand the police advisory board to 9 members from the current 7. I am not in favor of this request and feel that the current board and its makeup is adequate and doing a good job in our community.

Mark Wittmann
Dear Mayor and City Council,

We do **not** support the Mayor's desire to expand the Citizen Police Advisory Board from 7 to 9 members. This is not a step in the right direction for the good of people in Lincoln and LPD as it opens up more opportunity and accessibility for illegitimate complaints which can, consequently, be used by media and others to paint a negative image of LPD rather than a respected one that values the service of the LPD. The men and women of LPD are already facing much hostility and extra scrutiny with tax-payer funded body cameras for officers (not to mention the extra hassle to manage all the data). This equipment should suffice to hold the members of our law enforcement community accountable for their actions. The board (CPAB) is already diverse and functioning well.

We do not see a need to extend the complaint deadline as the additional 20 days will not, we believe, help anyone who has a legitimate complaint, but will, instead, allow for more time and thought to be given for illegitimate or fabricated complaints. This will, in turn, add to the burden of the CPAB, waste government funds, and potentially needlessly mar the reputation of the respected LPD.

Respectfully,

Adam and Jenny Fischer  
402.631.3738  
2323 SW. 18th St  
Lincoln, NE 68522
To the Lincoln City Council:

My name is Richard Newcomer and I am strongly opposed to expanding the Advisory Board from 7 to 9 members. It is my opinion that Gaylor-Baird is attempting to stack this board with members that DO NOT have the city or this board in the best interest of the community.

Sent from my iPhone
I’m writing to urge you to OPPOSE the Mayor’s intention to increase the number of members on the LPD Citizens Advisory Board from five to nine. The number of members on the board now is sufficient. We do not need this to change. I know many current officers, and one just told me there is currently a shortage of nearly 25 officers in Lincoln. The new class of officers is small and won’t make a dent in the shortage due to retirement attrition. Adding four new members to this board would be considered a lack of confidence in LPD, and would indicate there are problems where they don’t exist. If we don’t show support for our police force, we’ll continue to have staff shortages and the last thing we need are police officers who are forced to work overtime and become more stressed because they are tired. As it is, they’re overworked and underpaid now.

Dave Kirby
McCashland Kirby Insurance Agency
402-466-2800
I stand with Chief Bliemiester, that the board should stay as a 7 member board.

Thank you

Jean Pyle
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I would urge you to deny Mayor Baird’s request to add two additional seats to the Citizens Police Advisory Board. There is no need to increase the number of seats on this board and with the political environment right now, with out a declared need, would only create more division amongst the citizens of Lincoln.

I believe that we have one of the finest police departments and I don’t feel that we need any changes to how it operates or it’s oversight.

Mark Aksamit

Sent from my iPhone
Dear Mayor and City Council,

If something isn’t broken, don’t fix it. Isn’t that how the saying goes?

In this case, the police department indicates that the current CPA Board is functioning well. The case load is low, so unless you know that complaints against the police will increase in the next year, we urge you to not change the structure and function of the board.

To us, this appears to be a political move against our men and women in blue who already have a challenging job.

Any wrong done by an officer must be accounted for, of course, but don’t turn the system against them. Keep the current board structure in place.

Therefore, we do not support the Mayor’s desire to expand the Citizen Police Advisory Board from 7 to 9 members.

Sincerely,

David Bates
2041 n 32nd
Lincoln NE
I do not support this
leave the Citizen Police Advisory Board alone. Let the police do their jobs and not make it more difficult for them. I just hope BLM isn't what is motivating your desire to increase this advisory board. Lincoln is a good place, leave good enough alone.

Dwayne Strasburg
dwayne234@juno.com
Please continue to support our local police. They are vital to the safety and protection of our law abiding citizens.
The Lincoln Journal Star reported that a proposed ordinance seeks to add two more members to the city's Citizen Police Advisory Board to increase its diversity. It would seem to me that expanding the Board past seven members is totally unnecessary. Having been in the business world before I retired, my feeling and that of many people I spoke to, was that increasing the size of a board or committee or council generally slows down the performance of the group and makes it more cumbersome.

I just want to express my feeling as a citizen that this is unnecessary and feel expansion should NOT be done and I for one oppose the expansion.

Thank you.

Myron Peterson
Good evening,
I would ask that you not doing any changes to the Citizen Police Advisory Board that is up for vote on Monday. It is working well the way it is and I would ask that you reconsider making any changes. This year has been dramatic enough, please do not make any changes right now. Thank you for you consideration
Amanda Ripley
6131 Chatsworth Ln, Lincoln, NE 68516
Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to express my opposition to proposed changes to the Citizen Policing Advisory Board (CPAB). I do not believe that it is necessary or advisable to add additional positions to a board that has been effectively performing its duties since 1975. More specifically I believe that the current members of the CPAB represent a diverse cross-section of all facets of our city, including the three members whose terms are currently ending. Additional members are unnecessary and unwanted, and the attempt to add them is ill-advised.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Aaron Hiltgen
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Please vote no to expanding the citizens advisory council. Rick Meyer

Sent from my iPhone
From: Rita Antonson <rantonson@neb.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 7:27 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Back the Blue

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

My husband and I support the Lincoln Police Department. We are grateful to them for keeping us safe and for their service to our community.

We oppose the proposed change to expand the Citizen Advisory Board. There is no reason to change and potentially impact and distract police resources from their core functions.

Sincerely,

Clark & Rita Antonson
[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

There is no good reason to adjust the policies of the police department. They are very good at keeping our city safe.

Thank you
Pat Hust

Sent from my iPhone
**Angela M. Birkett**

**From:** Sandra Caradori <sldori422@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 19, 2020 6:46 PM  
**To:** Council Packet; Mayor  
**Subject:** Advisory board

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Dear Mayor and City Council:

There is no logical reason to change the Citizens Police Advisory Board. The board is already diverse and effective the way it is presently.

Please respect all law enforcement. It’s a very tough job. Don’t distract or impede the department in what they have to do and must do under extremely rough circumstances.

Sincerely,

Sandra Caradori  
Lincoln Citizen and Tax Payer
PLEASE DO NOT expand the Citizen Police Advisory Board, It does NOT need to be changed.
Jennifer Zeilinger
720 W 19th St
Fremont, NE 68025
I am writing to voice my dis-pleasure in the changes to the Citizen Policing Advisory Board. It is my understanding there is a desire to increase the board members from 7 to 9, to change the number of days a complaint can be made from 45 to 60, and to allow complaints to be made by email. I am questioning what problem are we trying to solve?

I am told the purpose of the increase to 9 members is to get more diversity yet the mayor’s representative at last Monday's meeting said there was nothing wrong with the current make-up of the board. There are 3 members whose terms expire this month. If there are changes that need to be made to the diversity of the board, surely it could be done through the appointment of new members to replace the 3 members whose terms are expiring.

Currently people have 45 days to file a complaint. If there is wrongdoing by the police that requires a complaint, why do we even need 45 days. If I were to be wronged by the police, I would be making my complaint the very next day if not the same day. Why do we now think we need 60 days?

I am also concerned with filing complaints by email. Complaints on the police need to be taken seriously by the person making the complaint as well as the police. It is too easy for a person that has an issue with the police to fire off a frivolous email that will simply tie up resources.

Again, I ask, what problem are we trying to solve? There is an old saying “Don’t try to fix something that’s not broken” and if you do, you usually end up actually breaking it. So please the Citizen Police Advisory Board is not broken, do not try to fix it.

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Paul Watson
pwatson68516@gmail.com
3033 Orwell Street
Lincoln, NE 68516
402-430-8778
Dear Mayor and City Council,

If something isn’t broken, don’t fix it. Isn’t that how the saying goes?

In this case, the police department indicates that the current CPA Board is functioning well. The case load is low, so unless you know that complaints against the police will increase in the next year, we urge you to not change the structure and function of the board.

To us, this appears to be a political move against our men and women in blue who already have a challenging job.

Any wrong done by an officer must be accounted for, of course, but don’t turn the system against them. Keep the current board structure in place.

Therefore, we do **not support the Mayor’s desire to expand the Citizen Police Advisory Board from 7 to 9 members**.

Sincerely,

Danny and Nancy Stetler

1924 Manor Ct

Lincoln, NE 68506
I am sending this email in response to the proposed addition of two more members to the Citizen Police Advisory Board. The board has functioned well and is diverse. There is no need to add two more members. I am hoping that the expansion of the board will not occur.

Eileen Douglass
8330 S 65th
Lincoln, Nebraska 68516
I am OPPOSED to expanding the number of people on this board. The Police Chief is happy with the current board, and there's no reason to change it and potentially distract police resources from their primary objective.

Jon Rademacher
Lincoln
Lincoln City Council Members:

I am against increasing the Citizen Police Advisory Board to nine members. As a Lincoln resident I believe I can be heard from directly. I do not want more policy-making bodies that do not represent me. These individuals lack formal power and they certainly have not been elected. The Lincoln Police Department has done an excellent job maintaining an orderly community with seven members.
Thank you for your time.

Janet Covey
Dear Lincoln City Council members, please stop our Mayor from trying to push our great city into becoming the next Portland, Seattle, or San Francisco. Her constant liberal agenda will destroy our city by a “thousand little cuts”. She enabled a handful of leftists to do millions of dollars of damage last May, then basically tried to not accept funding for our police the next month. By expanding the City Police Advisory Board to nine, she is attempting to pack the board with her leftist brethren. Seven is MORE than enough. Please vote our “little De Blasio” down. Thank you, Dr. Jim & Stephanie Moran

Sent from my iPad
I oppose adding more members to this board.
Corinne OBrien
Sent from my iPhone
Dear City Council Members: *When your ideas are so unpopular that the public would never vote them in, force them in.*

The strategy of many on the wrong side of history, when their ideas or preferences of ideology are not acceptable to the broad public, has been to dilute the voices on the other side--the side of the people--by flooding their own minions into any decision-making and advisory groups to seek "consensus." The latest hot button of Progressives is to "pack the Supreme Court" with more "judge-policy and law makers" to overcome the originalists and Constitutionalists in the current number of nine justices.

We are seeing that locally as a first broad-side by our liberal mayor Baird, who wants to increase the size of the citizen police advisory board so that she can get her sycophants to make policy that will hurt law enforcement and We the People of Lincoln by putting in people of her suasion to try to persuade us that we need to follow the Marxist goals of BLM and other anti-police advocacy mobs. Please remember that last week a Minneapolis city council member who voted to de-fund the police just called the 911 phone because she felt scared.

Keep the number at seven (7), PLEASE.

*Bryan J. Van Deun, EdD*

“Justice without mercy is cruelty; mercy without justice is dissolution.”

— Thomas Aquinas, *Commentary on the Gospel of St. Matthew*

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to write my concern and opposition to the recent proposal set forth by the mayor of Lincoln with regards to the citizen Police advisory board and politicize it. This has the potential to destroy the integrity of the board and thus its entire purpose. Please do not support this decision.

Kind regards,
Caitlin Jay
As a citizen of Lincoln I would like to request the Police advisory board be left as is. An old saying, "Don't fix what's not broken". This board has been serving well and I do not think there's any reason to add to the number.
Sincerely,
Marilyn Strahm
I feel that the Lincoln Mayor is exhibiting a serious disregard for our men and women in Blue. The Mayor has requested the Citizen Police Advisory Board be expanded from seven (7) to nine (9) members.

I agree with Chief Bliemeister who supports the current board and its function. The board is already diverse and functioning well. There is no reason to change and potentially impact and distract police resources from their core functions.

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*Ryan Thompson*

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

*Winston Churchill*
I support expanding the Citizen Police Advisory Board.

Diversity and more representation from all of our city is a good thing!

Thanks

sally spear
8547 Flintlock Circle
Sent from my iPad
Laura

Laura Plicanic <lplicanic@gmail.com>
Sunday, November 22, 2020 4:36 PM
Council Packet
Citizen Police Advisory Board

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I support the expansion of the board to increase diversity.

Laura
Angela M. Birkett

From: Janet Price <janetkprice@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2020 9:18 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Citizen Advisory Police Board

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I support increasing the size of the advisory board. Lincoln is large enough and diverse enough to allow for the representation of many different viewpoints. We need to be more inclusive in the various groups that represent the overall city.

Sent from my iPhone
I feel the Mayor is doing a great job and I agree with everything she is doing and all her recommendations including expansion of the Citizen Police Advisory Board from seven to nine.

Thankyou
Rosemary Stubbendeck
5025 Spruce Street
Lincoln, NE 68516