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Police Oversight Commissioner  
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**Via Electronic Mail To: [mayorberry@cabq.gov](mailto:mayorberry@cabq.gov)**

April 15, 2014

Mayor Richard J. Berry  
Office of the Mayor  
PO Box 1293  
Albuquerque, NM 87103

Dear Mayor Berry,

I am currently a member of the Police Oversight Commission. I have served on the Police Oversight Commission for one year. I decided to apply to be a Commissioner in order to serve the citizens of Albuquerque.

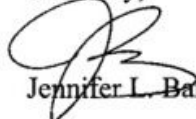
However, the Commission no longer has the power to conduct any civilian oversight of the Albuquerque Police Department or to review or disagree with the Independent Review Officer because of the current, defective Police Oversight Commission Ordinance and the City Attorney's recent interpretations of the Police Oversight Commission's Rules and Powers. Specifically on April 10, 2014 at the Police Oversight Commission Meeting, the City Attorney's Office, through its representative, told the Commission that it does not have the power to vote against or change the findings of the Independent Review Officer and/or the Chief of the Albuquerque Police Department.

Further, under the current Ordinance, the Commission has no power to review the evidence to determine whether the findings of the Independent Review Officer are in fact accurate. We are not given any outside evidence to independently review lapel videos, police reports, and/or police officers' statements.

Due to the complete lack of authority of the Police Oversight Commission, I am resigning from the Commission. I will not mislead the citizens of Albuquerque into believing that our City has any civilian oversight.

I hope the City Council passes legislation to completely reform the current Police Oversight Commission Ordinance to insure that our City has true independent civilian oversight of the Albuquerque Police Department.

Sincerely,



Jennifer L. Barela

cc: (via electronic mail)

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Grady White  
Chief of Police

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To: City Manager Mike Housewright  
From: Grady White  
Reference: Resignation Letter

I am writing this letter to inform you of my intent to resign as the Mount Carmel Chief of Police. I will not be able to continue my employment with this town or police department, due to questionable actions by some of the alderman.

I have had to endure verbal attacks at the Board of Mayor and Alderman meetings from an alderman. This particular alderman also threatened to do so again at future meetings, while speaking with him on the telephone.

This same alderman has also stated the police department would not get any vehicles repaired or any new vehicles until his demands were met. The changes he has demanded are in reference to daily operations of the police department which are in compliance with police department policy and procedure.

Also on 03/04/2019 I made the decision not allow an individual to participate in our department in-service training, in an attempt to insulate the Town of Mount Carmel from any legal liability due to questionable actions on their part which could have negative consequences to the town as well as the police department. This decision was overturned due to demands from at least one alderman.

I am not willing to compromise my integrity, values, or my Oath of Office (to protect the citizens of this town) due to the irrational ideas of some alderman.

At the last BMA meeting certain board members discussed, and made a motion to pass an ordinance which contradicts state law, this ordinance change would jeopardize the safety of the citizens of Mount Carmel. If our police officers comply with these type of ordinances it would require them to abandon the oath they swore to, which is uphold City, State and Federal Law as well as the Constitution of the United States of America.

As Chief of Police I continual face uncertainty of my position for performing my job, which is to protect all of our citizens and keep my officers safe, which displeased certain board members.

It is very evident that my dedication for this calling as a Law Enforcement Officer is not shared by some board members. These are not acceptable conditions that I am willing to work under. I feel that due to all of these situation that I cannot be effective in the position of Chief of Police for the Town of Mount Carmel.

For these reasons my last day at the Mount Carmel Police Department as the Chief of Police will be April 5, 2019.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grady White".

Grady White

03/27/2019