



CITY OF HOUSTON

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Correspondence

To: City Council

From: Annise D. Parker
Mayor

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Date: February 7, 2011

Subject: Chad Holley/Westside TAC Unit

The attached memorandum from Chief McClelland is a reminder of the steps that have been taken since HPD received the copy of the Chad Holley/Westside TAC Unit video more than 9 months ago.

Both Chief McClelland and I went before the public just days later and reported the steps that had been taken to remove the implicated officers from duty, and outlined the disciplinary and criminal processes they would face. At each step the city has taken swift and sure action, and done so in a way that is transparent and accountable. Our consistent message has been that the appropriate time for the video to be released to the general public was at trial. We have a duty to preserve the rights of the officers to a fair trial, just as I believe we have a responsibility to uphold the firing of 7 of the officers by the Chief.

Also included is a current update on the disciplinary actions taken by the Chief. I remind you that any criminal charges against participants in the incident are the responsibility of the District Attorney.

In addition to the actions taken by the Chief, Council Member Noriega and the Public Safety Committee of City Council conducted 5 community meetings in various venues throughout the city to discuss concerns about the Houston Police Department. Many of you attended some of those meetings. On January 26, 2011, the Council Member reported to me on the results of those meetings in general, and specifically in regards to the Citizens Review Committee (CRC) and the Police Advisory Committee (PAC). I intend to act on her recommended changes as rapidly as possible.

I continue to believe that the majority of the men and women who serve as members of the Houston Police Department represent us well.